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EDITORIAL COMMENT

CHRISTMAS, 1913

While there are still many clouds on the Canadian financial horizon, yet the coming Christmas will generally be one of good cheer. The reports of unemployment that come to us from Toronto, Hamilton, Brantford, Winnipeg and Vancouver, indicate that in the larger centers a serious situation exists that will somewhat mar the joy that usually prevails at this festive season, and that has prevailed in Canada over an unprecedented period of time.

Unemployment fortunately does not obtain in this city to any more than a trifling extent. Belleville is not in any large sense an industrial center, and, with a population largely residential, local conditions of trade and general business are not subject to the acute fluctuations as is the case where great factories are established. We have in the past complained of our comparative lack of large industries but in times of depression we are not confronted with the problem of maintaining great numbers of workmen for whom there is no work.

We have therefore this Christmastide, special reason in this city and district, for congratulation and thankfulness. There is not the abounding prosperity that was previously ours, but there is nothing approaching real suffering or want.

These periods of depression, which always come sooner or later, are not unmixed evils. They at least serve to check crazy speculations, gluttonous extravagance and unsound methods of business.

And while providence has been wonderfully kind to the Canadian people, we must not forget that providence is also infinitely just. Plan as cunningly as we may we cannot defeat the stern decrees of nature. Many of us had come to believe that we could create wealth by sitting down and trading town lots with one another as boys trade jack-knives. We thought by devious speculation to land ourselves in that elysium where honest toil is no longer necessary. Our awakening has been somewhat rude, but the awakening had to come sooner or later, and in the end it will be better for us. The necessity for labor is one of the wisest provisions made by all-wise providence. Canadians, whether they live in Belleville or Saskatoon, will be all the better if they are compelled to do more work and less speculating.

WHAT OF YOUR CHRISTMAS SPIRIT?

The spirit of Christmas as the idealists have it, says one of our esteemed contemporaries, is not recognisable by the real thing, according to modern methods.

Theoretically everything is bright, gay, full of peace for oneself and good wishes for the rest of the world.

Actually Christmas may mean anything like this:

Grudging giving and discontented receiving.

Splurging on one's rich friends and stinting where it is not likely to count.

Overgenerosity to the point of extravagance.

Rushing until you detest Christmas and everything connected with it.

Overworked nerves and overwrought tempers from a false conception of Christmas giving.

A generous spirit for your own immediate circle and utter indifference to whether anyone else has a happy day.

Gorging oneself in the interest of Christmas cheer with no thought of a tortured digestion and rockiness the day after.

A Christmas with not one thought to the real meaning of the day and what the world would have been had there been no "birthday of a king" to celebrate.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHRISTMAS

Primarily, of course, Christmas is a religious festival. In the Christian, with a sincere belief in the Christ, who is the foundation rock of his religion, the words of priest and pastor, exhorting his flock to observe the day with ceremonial observance, find a fervent response. From every pulpit is told anew each year the story of him without whom Christmas had never been.

But Christmas appeals also to the non-believer in Christ, to the men and women who cannot subscribe conscientiously to the doctrine of his divinity. It is true, perhaps, to say that as Christmas approaches the Christian spirit is "in the air" but it is true none the less. "Peace and good will" pervade the air that is breathed alike by churchgoers and nonattendants.

In the big cities Christmas is celebrated by Christian and Jew and Mohammedan as well as by those with no religion. In the outermost corners of the earth, wherever men of Christian faith have borne the standard of civilisation, the native heathen in intimate contact with them feel the coming of the spirit and rejoice.

It is well that this should be so, for the spirit of Christmas is the spirit of belief not only in Christ, but in one's fellow men. Every one may share in it if he will. Every one may find in the story of the life that lived in Palestine nineteen centuries ago, of the death that was met on the cross and of the resurrection that followed some thing of personal application something of uplift.

Be sure to read that delightful story on another page of to-day's issue. "The Redemption of Ratty" by Mr. D. D. De Shane, Belleville's promising short-story writer. Mr. De Shane has exceptional gifts as an inventor of tales in which heart interest predominates. Mr. De Shane is able, by shifting and varying the action, to hold the reader's attention from first to last. The author reached a high plane in his story "Out of the Night" published in The Ontario last Christmas, but in "The Redemption of Ratty" his work shows even greater finish and a more ingenious conception of plot.

In your planning of gifts to those you love which kind of value are you figuring in—that which makes only a momentary appeal or the kind which endures?

No one seems yet to have thought of putting a sane and safe tag on Christmas. Perhaps because, once a year, at least, we rather like a big debauch of good will, even though some of its features are unwise.

But if you would buy more heavily, this year, of things of service, which would carry the memory of the day far into the coming year and with increasing satisfaction, we don't believe you'd regret it.

At Birmingham, England, recently a motor car killed a victim through high speed, and the coroner offered in consolation the remark that we used to fear bicycles just as we do motor cars now. He hinted that bicycle accidents proved fewer than anticipated and so will the automobile do less damage as the people become accustomed to it.

The motor car has had ten years of practice and accidents are increasing rather than diminishing. London statistics prove that accidents have trebled since the speed limit was raised.

There is the general statement that we must pay a certain price for speed and that is true. But it would carry more force if the owner of the car paid that price. Now it is the person who owns no car suffers the penalty of speed, while the owner is only discomforted when an accident occurs. Of the dozen cases of near accident which the foot passenger escapes, the owner suffers no particular discomfort.

While it is true that the public should learn to accommodate itself to the motor, it is true that the motor must learn to accommodate itself to the public.

The speed law is little heeded and its enforcement is left too often until death or disaster forces police action.

The time to arrest is when the speed limit is exceeded.

THE JOYS OF CHRISTMAS TIME

Hark! the merry chiming is warning us that this is Christmas morning.

And it's time that we were rising though the hour isn't late.

Still the kiddlets will be flocking each to overhaul his stockings.

And there's scads of things we've got to do that really cannot wait.

Yet before we kick the clothes off (quite determined not to doze off)

Let's indulge in dreamy musing on this joyous Christmastide;

Let us while the bells are pealing, get up some real Christmas feeling.
Fill ourselves with sweet emotions that are not quite cut and dried.
True, the minutes fast are gliding, but consarn 'em let 'em glide.

Think of these long weeks of waiting, all the glad anticipating
Of the gay and festive season that at last is here;

Never resting never stopping in our mad career of shopping,
Searching ever the ideal not too cheap and not too dear;

Crushed and elbowed in the reeking crowds, that like ourselves are seeking
Just the very thing of all things that their loved ones most desired.

Limp and dragged then emerging from the pushing, struggling surging
Mob, with parcels overladen, reaching home at last, dog tired.

Those experiences may be described as "most all-fired"

We have done with haste and flurry, no occasion now to worry,
Lest some sensitive relation may have been quite overlooked.

All the lists of names are checked and all the walls are decked, and
Now within a few short hours the Christmas dinner will be cooked.

Hail to Christmas! happy season!—There is some substantial reason
To be gleeful at thy advent—the beginning of the end.

As thou comest wreathed with holly, we can certainly be jolly,
Welcome thee with feast and wassail, and in general unbend,

For we know that we have spent for thee the last cent we spend!

Now the door bell will cease ringing to the people who were bringing
An endless string of packages from morn to dewy eve;

We no longer will be running to conceal things with cunning,
And we'll lose our wonted air of having something up our sleeve.

There will be a deuced litter, when the gewgaws gleam and glitter,
Of waste paper, string and cotton, from the kitchen to the hall;

But with consciences elastic, we will grow enthusiastic
And "wonder how they guessed", as on the donor's neck we fall,

Looking blissful over dewdads that we didn't want at all.

Ah, this blessed thing of giving! It is half the joy of living
To watch the looks of gratitude and pleasure and surprise

That, at least to outward seeming are upon loved faces beaming—

As the loved one opens his parcel and digs out his gaudy ties.

And the gentle wife and mother her emotions tried to smother
When conducted by her husband, to some secret corner, where,

As a proof of fond affection, he has hid from her detection,
His gift to her, a cozy, costly well upholstered chair

(Of whose comforts, in the future, you may bet he'll get his share.)

But away with sad reflection! This is no time for dejection.

Merry Christmas, happy Christmas, as we said, has come at last!

All the many tribulations, all the trials and vexations
That have crowded thick upon us for the last six weeks, are past,

Not a protest shall be uttered, though the house with toys is cluttered

And the kids are all parading to the sound of horn and drum,

Lusty lung and larynx voicing the extent of their rejoicing.

We will have to stand the racket now that Christmas day is come.

(Later tone our nervous system at some sanitarium).

Thank the Giver if we're able to sit 'round a well-spread table,

Where the plump white-bosomed turkey sheds its savour through the room,

And pudding comes on smoking, and there's no end to the joking

And no heart that harbors malice and no mind o'ercast with gloom

Let us be profoundly grateful that we have at least a plateful,

Grateful for the pepsin tablet that corrects our Christmas cheer;

Hold it as among our mercies if there's one coin in our purses,

Be thankful for those dear to us and those who hold us dear.

(And most supremely thankful, Christmas comes but once a year).

—Kenneth Harr



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Table with columns for Going East, Local, and Going West, listing train numbers, times, and destinations like Brockville, Kingston, and Toronto.

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Table with columns for BELLEVILLE TIME TABLE, listing train numbers, times, and destinations like Toronto, Trenton, and Marmora.

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WILD WEST DOINGS AT HAVELOCK

On Saturday night just about 9 o'clock the main business corner of Havelock was the scene of great excitement, the outcome of a scrap between Allan Dufao and Horace King of Belmont. The Saturday previous the two came together in a ring battle in the Park, and evidently last Saturday night was decided upon to wipe out old scores.

FOXBORO

Foxboro, Dec. 16.-Our anniversary services last Sunday were a decided success. Mrs. Christie is home from the west visiting her mother Mrs. Robinson. We had a very enjoyable evening on Monday last entertaining Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Craig of Peterboro at the Methodist church here.

THIRD LINE THURLOW

Third Line, Thurlow, Dec. 17.-On Thursday night of last week about sixty of the friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Schryver gathered at their home as a slight surprise to express regret at their departure. A suitable address was read by Mr. Arthur McFarlane and a chair was presented to them, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Schryver success in their new home.

CARRYING PLACE

Carrying Place, Dec. 19.-Mr. and Mrs. Robt Wadsworth entertained friends last Friday evening. Misses Lou Rowe and E. Armour spent Sunday afternoon with Miss P. Humphrey. Messrs Wm and John Brown are pressing hay.

Suit For Heavy Damages

Action was entered at Toronto on Monday by Mr. John Kelly of Drammer for \$20,000 damages for the death of his wife who was killed in the collapse of the Turnbull store at Peterboro on August 28th. Negligence on the part of Frederick Micht, proprietor, W. J. Johnston, contractor, and John E. Belcher, the architect, is alleged.

GOVERNMENT AT LAST MOVES

Criticism is useful. It occasionally does have an effect. The Ontario Government, for example, shown by documentary evidence that the Legislature had discriminated against local Canadian fishermen in favor of the fish trust, (an appendage to the American trust), exhibits signs of bowing before the sweep of criticism and of adopting a new policy towards the fisheries of the province.

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DISTRICT DASHES

NEWS CLIPPED FROM OUR MANY EXCHANGES

Only Warts

Nathan Hubble of Belmont, who was accused of selling diseased meat to parties in town and country, has refunded the money he received, to his customers. He states that the "disease" was only warts. No move for prosecution under the Public Health Act has as yet been made, but we understand that the Board of Health will hold a meeting and decide upon some action in regard to the case. -Havelock Standard

Figuring on Hydro

During the past week engineers from the Hydro Electric and the Seymour Power Co. have been in town figuring on a system of light and power for Havelock, and we understand that the council have decided to accept the Hydro's suggestions and will embody them in a bylaw to be passed by the council on Monday night next and which will be voted upon at the January elections. -Havelock Standard

Horse Broke Its Neck

Mr. Wm. Anderson of Round Lake lost a horse in a peculiar manner on Friday of last week. The animal was standing in front of H. Williams' store, when an auto coming around the corner, started the beast so badly that it jumped sideways and bolted for freedom. It struck the corner of the store in its career, narrowly escaping the plate glass window, and was heading for Mr. Williams' shed. The force of the impact broke the animal's neck and it dropped dead. The horse was totally blind, but nevertheless a good worker and quite valuable. -Havelock Standard

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was sentenced to one month to each offence in jail at hard labor, sentences to run concurrently. Merchants declare that all cases of this nature will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, and no leniency need be expected. -Pilot News

Brutal Punishment

A case of the most brutal punishment of a daughter by a father in the west end was brought to the attention of the officers of the Children's Aid Society on Tuesday. Chief Donaldson, the agent, obtained evidence to convict the father. It was decided, however, to give the man another chance. In the meantime the father will be given warning of what he may expect if he ill-treats his child so outrageously again. -Herald Post

For the Waldorf

From the farm of George C. Boldt, on Walleys Island, near Alexandria Bay, were shipped the other day to his hotel, the Waldorf-Astoria at New York, 1,863 pounds of turkey, 800 pounds of young ducks, and 1,100 pounds of geese. The weekly shipments of poultry at this time of year are about 200 pounds of broilers, 400 pounds of roasters and an average of 500 to 600 pounds of fribbles. Week in they ship about sixteen pigs four weeks old, milk fed for roasting and from six to eight heavy hogs and a dozen sheep.

Shot Wrong Horse

Mr. A. Wilde, Reeve of Belmont, is mourning the loss of a valuable horse, which met its death in an untimely way. Mr. Wilde owns an old horse that has outlived its usefulness, and last week he instructed a local man to take it to the woods and shoot it. The man called at the house and was directed to the stable. Some time afterward Mr. Wilde went to the stable and was astounded to find that a young horse instead of the old steed had been taken. He rushed to the woods to avert the death of the horse, but found it half skinned. What happened afterward is not supposed to be reported. We leave it to the imagination of the reader. -Havelock Standard

New Manager for Queen's

Mr. Fero. A. Bradley is taking over the management and licence of the New Queen's Hotel. He has had experience as a boniface in Owen Sound, New Lisdale, Little Current, Smith's Falls, and Toronto.

OAK HILLS

Oak Hills, Dec. 19.-The weather and marriage questions are the order of the day. Mr. W. French had a Bell phone installed last week. The Company have been around mending the broken wires. Mr. Raymond Chambers returned home on Saturday night after a week's visit to Toronto. Miss Irene Galvin on Sunday. Miss Galvin returned her call on Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. S. Danford were guests of Mr. Frank Stapley's on Saturday night. Mrs. R. H. Chamber returned home after visiting her mother at Malone. Mr. Fred Elliott has a very sick horse but thinks it will recover. Our snow didn't last very long. Mr. Nathan Eggleton took a sleigh ride over to Madoc Jet. and back again last Friday. Mrs. S. Stapley, Annie and Oliver visited her daughter, Mrs. Phillip Carr on the West Huntington gravel.

THE CASH INTRIGUE

By GEORGE RANDOLPH CHESTER

"In this sign I conquer," he laughingly quoted, and then he went out upon the balcony to exhibit himself as president elect of the United States.

Senator Sawyer after having awaited his turn for nearly an hour in the outer offices came red faced with anger into the presence of President Kelvin.

"By George, it's true," he spluttered, looking about him. "At first I thought it a newspaper joke, but it's true. You are polluting the White House with all the pomp and trappings of actual royalty."

The portly senator glared about him in fine indignation. A low platform had been erected in the end of this apartment, and upon it stood a richly carved, flat top mahogany desk, while behind this sat Kelvin in an enormous high backed chair, strikingly suggestive of a throne.

"I do not understand what you mean by it," Mr. Sawyer went on. "The entire press of the country is aflame with it. When I picked up my paper in Chicago yesterday morning and read of the alterations you had made I was astounded. I took the first train out and came straight here."

"Very prompt and decisive in you, I am sure," returned Kelvin, with open sarcasm.

"Prompt and decisive action is necessary to save the party," the senator hotly retorted, "and the country," he added as an afterthought.

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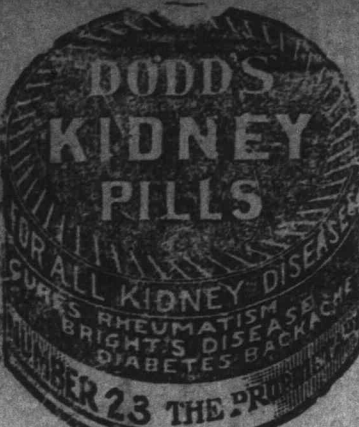
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The west end of a glass house, store house and furnace room were badly burned. The police investigation showed that the fire might have come from the furnace, but Mr. Givens today said he could give no cause for the conflagration.

The worst features are that the conservatory and contents were not insured, while the house was insured, and the ends of the building having been burned out, it was but a short time before frost ruined the plants in which months of care had been expended.

The conservatory was looking its best for the Christmas trade. Flowers and plants of all descriptions by hundreds and by thousands had been raised and nurtured for the season. Now their plant is practically out of business. Nothing but burned or frost bitten plants mark the formerly beautiful interior.

Citizens one and all deeply regret the misfortune which has befallen Messrs. Givens and Son.

MASSASSAGA

Massassaga, Dec. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. House of Tyendinaga visited friends here during the past week.

Mrs. John Wallbridge has returned home after visiting her son, Tracey, in Saskatchewan and her daughter, Gladys, a nurse in the General Hospital, at Toronto.

Mr. George Robinson is erecting a new machine house. The Misses Beatty of Sidney are the guests of Mrs. G. Ackerman.

The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. J. G. Simonds on Thursday last. Mr. W. B. Babe attended the December session of court at Picton as jurymen.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. M. Snider were the guests of Mr. H. Snider last Sunday. Owing to the illness of our school-mistress, Mrs. Marvin, there was no school on Thursday and Friday.

Mr. George Wallbridge spent the past week at Syracuse. Mr. and Mrs. Eggleton of Stirling visited their daughter, Mrs. K. Valjean, recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Gay of Gilead, spent a day last week with their parents Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Weese. Mr. and Mrs. Byron Adams and family spent the week-end at the home of Mr. Broad.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Hamilton spent Sunday in Sidney the guests of Mr. J. Cook. Mr. and Mrs. W. Wheeler and their daughter, Gladys, returned home last Friday from a visit to Mr. Wheeler's parents at Peterboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Robinson visited Mr. F. Wood recently. Mrs. Lattimer returned to her home in Dresden on Saturday. Mr. W. Roy had the misfortune to get kicked by a horse last Wednesday.

A college education doesn't seem to improve a girl's education. She will come home after she has graduated and step off a street car backward. The record for high jumping was recently broken by a Vincennes girl. There was a mouse in the room.

'PRENTICE BOYS' CONCERT

Successful Entertainment in City Hall Last Evening.

Last evening was a great time in the circles of the Prentice Boys, Maiden City Lodge No. 13, and their friends. The entertainment in the city hall drew a very large crowd. The concert lasted until 10:45. Following were the numbers:—

Address—A few words of welcome—Mr. L. Soule.

Selection—Sprague's Orchestra. Quartette—"The Bridge"—Excelsior Male Quartette.

Reading—Selected—Miss Jessie Tuite.

Baritone Solo—"Glorious Devon"—Mr. Geo. Stallworthy.

Monologue—"Troubles"—Mr. Al Wheeler.

Solo—Selected—Mrs. A. P. Allen. Tenor Solo—"Tonia"—Mr. Ernest Meach.

Reading—Selected—Miss Jessie Tuite.

Tenor Solo—"To have. To hold. To love."—Mr. W. H. Wrightmeyer.

Orchestra—Sprague Orchestra. Baritone Solo—"Soldier Jim"—Mr. G. Stallworthy.

A "Conversation"—Wheeler and Dillmore.

Reading—Selected—Miss Jessie Tuite.

Quartette—"The City Choir"—Excelsior Male Quartette.

Tenor Solo—"Ellen A. Lannah"—Mr. W. H. Wrightmeyer.

Quartette—"Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep"—Excelsior Male Quartette.

Tenor Solo—"Good-bye Boys"—Mr. Ernest Meach.

Solo—"See Shiloh"—Mrs. A. P. Allen and Excelsior Male Quartette.

Accompanist for the evening—Miss Edna Wallace.

***** WEST HUNTINGDON *****

West Huntingdon, Dec. 19.—Christmas trees are all the go around these parts.

Mrs. Brown, Stirling, visited at Mr. A. Adams on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Urbana were guests of Mrs. Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McInroy spent Sunday at Holloway, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. McInroy.

Mr. Germain Wright spent Sunday at Mr. Wm. Benson's.

Mr. Joe and Miss Julia Reicher, Misses visited at Mr. Albert Kingston's on Sunday.

A number from here attended Wesley Mason's sale at Springbrook. Mr. Henry Wallace being auctioneer.

Miss Lena McInroy and Mr. Wallace spent Sunday at Roslin.

Misses Annie and Pearl McInroy visited the Misses Hazel and Nellie Wallace on Tuesday.

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The Greatest Gift of God to Man—The Pleasure of Obedience—God the Great Exemplar—He Giveth All Things Richly to be Enjoyed—Every Good and Every Perfect Gift—Gifts to Angels—Gifts to Men—Gifts to the Saints—Gifts to Sinners—All Should Imitate Him—Precious Gifts Which All May Lavishly Bestow.

Louisville, Ky., December 21.—Of the two discourses which Pastor Russell gave here to-day we are reporting the one from the text, "Every good and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of Lights, in whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17.) He said:

Christmas is a delightful season in many respects. Admitting the claim that it is the date of the Annunciation, and that our Lord's birth was nine months later, in October, it matters not. It is a delightful custom that draws the attention of the whole world to the birth at Bethlehem, and memorializes to man the great Gift of God on our behalf. We rejoice in it, even though the Higher Critics have wrought such destruction of faith in Christendom that to many the day and the events it commemorates have lost their meaning. The custom of giving little tokens of remembrance and esteem is still a blessing in the world. To the extent that we enter into it heartily, we are exercising a godlike quality. God is the great Giver, from whom cometh every good gift and every perfect gift.

Let us begin with some of the common things that God has given all men richly to enjoy. How delightfully adapted to our needs is the air we breathe! How it carries life and our lungs and to every part of our bodies! Think of the great boon of water—refreshing, exhilarating, absolutely a necessity to our habits and our life. Take the sunshine and the golden gleams in which it clothes the world, and the life and vigor which it imparts—not only to our bodies and minds, but to all nature.

Even in the matter of clothes God is gracious to us. The predominant colors are well adapted to our sight, and testify to the Creator's appreciation of shape, beauty and color, provided us also gratification of these senses. Additionally, He gave us the sense of smell, and then provided in all nature wonderful varieties of odors to gratify us. Do not all these gifts come from the Father of Mercies?

Time would fail us to examine these common blessings which God has given all men richly to enjoy—not only His consecrated saints, but every creature. We can readily see that a grand provision was made for the race in its original perfection. All these things are blessings to mankind, notwithstanding our fallen condition, notwithstanding our weaknesses of mind and body. Do not hinder us from proper conception, appreciation and use of these. When we remember that the sick lose their appetite and fall in all their powers of appreciation, and when we remember that our entire race is sin-stick, we may well wonder how much more a perfect man might have enjoyed the various blessings which are still precious to us.

God has given gifts. They are on every hand, and may be richly enjoyed or not richly enjoyed. But as the majority of people swallow their food without richly enjoying its flavor, so the majority receive and use God's favors in a stupid, unappreciative manner, and do not richly enjoy—indeed are unconscious of the blessings that they have. What is the matter? The reply of the Bible is that we have the wrong spirit. But where did they get the wrong spirit? The Bible answers that sin vitiates every good quality of mind and of body.

The world, through depravity, through losing its relationship with God, has lost the sense of appreciation of many of God's gifts. Mankind have them, and use them, but do not enjoy them. Consequently they are unhappy, unlovely, unthankful. Also, poor worldly, unthankful, also, poor worldly, unthankful, madly hither and thither, seeking pleasure, seeking joy, seeking happiness, but finding discontent, disappointment.

Only one class of people are really able to highly enjoy heaven's gifts. These are the people who have had certain mental experience which is for them transforming all of life's affairs. They have caught a glimpse of the Almighty Father, and have learned that all these gifts are His blessings of nature are of His Wisdom and His bestowing. More than this, before their eyes were opened to see deeply and clearly, their hearts were regenerated. They had given their hearts to the Lord, and so His hearts were new hearts, transformed wills, old things have become new. They open their eyes upon the world and the fulness thereof; and recognize the relationship between these and the Heavenly Father, their hearts are warmed and enlightened. The spirit of love and appreciation is shed abroad.

The Apostle exclaimed, "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable Gift!" He refers to the Gift of God's dear Son to be man's Redeemer—to pay the price, the penalty, of sin—the death penalty on our behalf. The Apostle declared, "It will be 'every man in his own order,' or company, or regiment. The ranks will ultimately include the entire race of Adam and himself. All those willing to be led forth from captivity will attain again the full liberty of the sons of God, lost through Adam's disobedience, and the right to recovery of the same—redeemed for them at Calvary."

But the Apostle mentions the triumphant entry of Jesus into Heaven itself merely as an incident, preface to his statement that our Lord immediately began to give gifts to men. The first gifts, bestowed at Pentecost, were to the Church. Indeed, all of His gifts thus far have been to His followers. The prophecy from which the Apostle quotes takes in the world, however, declaring that the gifts are "for the rebellious also."—Psalm 68:18.

St. Paul, continuing, tells us the special gifts bestowed by Jesus upon His Church: "And He gave some, prophets, associating godliness with gain, as the Apostle explains. All the same we are to have in mind that there are true Apostles, prophets, pastors, and teachers appointed by the Redeemer as His special representatives in the Church, for their guidance and blessing."

We further read of the object and purpose of these gifts; they were "for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the Body of Christ; till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ."

Only in proportion as Apostles, prophets, pastors and teachers fulfill this mission are they really the Lord's gifts to His Church. Consider that these were not appointed for the world, but for the saints—and not merely to start them in the way of discipleship, but especially to perfect them as saints. And this perfecting of the saints is not merely an instruction of them in knowledge, nor merely the bringing of them to an appreciation of the joys and the peace of the Lord, but a preparation of them for the work of the ministry—the work of service. All the saints are to be servants, even as the Lord Jesus, the greatest Saint, was Servant of all.

Whoever does not learn to be a servant of God, a servant of righteous men, a servant of his brethren, will not have learned the lessons necessary for a share in the Kingdom. Besides, the Kingdom itself will be a service to mankind for human uplift, and only those who have learned to be servants will be able to share in the present conditions will be granted a share with the Lord in the more glorious service of the future.

The edifying of the Body of Christ, in modern language, means the upbuilding, the strengthening, the development of the Church, which is the Body of Christ. Not merely with sinners and with the heathen, therefore, are the pastors and teachers to be engaged, but chiefly with the Church, edifying it, strengthening it, advancing it, with the knowledge of God, and building it up in all the fruits and graces of the Spirit. The Apostles, prophets, pastors and teachers who are the Lord's gifts to the Church will be found doing this work, whatever may be said of others.

Their work will not be finished until the Church completed shall have entered into glory. This is the Apostle's statement, "Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect Man." The perfect Man signifies the glorious, complete Christ, of which Jesus is the Head and of which every member of the Church is a part. When the entire Body shall have been completed, perfected, developed, the work of this Age will be at an end, the gifts of Christ will have accomplished their work, the Body of Christ in glory will then begin the glad Reign of God to bless the world, and which is to bless the world and shower gifts upon men—"the rebellious also."

"Love Divine, all love exelling, Joy of Heaven to earth come down! Thou hast made with us Thy dwelling." Love both all Thy favors crown. Father, Thou art all compassion; Pure unbounded love Thou art; Thou hast brought to us salvation; These we love with all our heart.

Early Fox Hunters. Although fox hunting only came into popularity at a comparatively recent date, it appears to have existed fairly early. William Twiss, who was Edward II.'s chief huntsman, mentions the fox as a part of the chase, and though only of an inferior kind, and though only of an engraving of the fourteenth century showing three huntsmen and one dog unearthing a fox. It is said that Lord Arundel kept a pack of foxhounds as early as 1490, but it is probable that other things besides the fox were hunted by it.

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190 acres 4th Con. Thurlow, first-class house, and out buildings with cement floors, well fenced and watered, about 15 acres timber. This is a strictly first-class farm in the best of condition, 5 miles from Belleville. Apply to Whelan and Yeomans, 29 Bridge Street, Belleville.

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A bargain just west of Belleville, 75 acre farm, stock, crops, etc., good house and barns, on bay shore and well fenced.

\$7000 Township Huntingdon 200 acres clay loam 125 acres work land, balance wood and pasture. 2 good spring barns, 45x200—50x200—24x100 stone basements and cement floor drive house, hog pens, hen house, implement shed and well fenced and watered and all in good repair easy terms. Apply Whelan and Yeomans.

Big Island, on bay shore, brick house about 75 acres land, well fenced and good barn, would accept 1 quarter down, balance easy terms. Apply to Whelan & Yeomans, 29 Bridge Street, Belleville.

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\$5500, 100 acre good farm land, with 10 room frame house, barn, 4 1/2 acre house, etc. All in good repair. Well fenced and watered. Close to cheese factory and three railroads. Free Rural Mail Delivery at door, Terms easy. Apply Whelan & Yeomans, 29 Bridge St., Belleville.

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00 for a good 125 acre farm, 5th concession Thurlow; frame 7 room house, barns 24x48; 90x64; and drive house, 15x24; hog pen, barn, house, etc. 2 good wells and springs about 40 apple trees and small fruit. Fall ploughed and 11 acres in wheat. All well fenced. R. M. D. and main telephone.—Whelan & Yeomans, 29 Bridge Street, Belleville.

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\$4200 Farm, 100 acres, or 1 Con. 3 Tyendinaga, 8 room stone house with good cellar, frame wood shed 20x12; barn 24x48; 1 well, all good water; also creek across south-east corner 3 good wells; 10 acre work land, balance pasture about 40 acres under hay. Whelan and Yeomans.

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THE CHRISTMAS TREE

BY CHRISTOPH VON SCHMID
ADAPTED FROM THE GERMAN BY PETER H. DOYLE

OVER 100 years ago in Germany, winter, cold and drear, was upon the town of Thalau. No need to say there was much suffering, not only from the season, but also from hunger and disease.

There were troublous times in the kingdom, while the rich and poor were divided. But for all the social unrest that prevailed, charity in some thoughtful hearts still sought work to do.

A widow whose husband was killed in the war, had died in extreme destitution. Her sole known relation was a son, who soon followed his mother to the churchyard.

During the illness of the pair another woman, also husbandless through the war, but slightly better off in this world's goods, had done for them in kindness what her limited means—an allowance from a distant relation—permitted.

In this task of trying to relieve the necessities of her unfortunate neighbor and her child, she had had an earnest coworker in her own boy, Otto.

After their return from the funeral, where they had been the only mourners, the mother observed that Otto was very thoughtful. As this was not usual with him, she asked the reason.

"I don't think, mamma," he answered, "that poor Alfred ever had a Christmas toy, and it seems to me he would be happier even in heaven if he thought some one had been kinder to him on earth. I was going to give him the striped horse you bought for me last year, but I did not. And now I so wish I had."

She consoled him and said it was a good feeling, even if he did fail to carry it out into deed.

That same evening Otto continued his thoughtful mood. When engaged at preparing his school lessons he was in the habit of breaking in on the silence with questions from time to time; but tonight it was not so.

When he finished his task, however, he inquired: "If little Alfred was still alive, mother, wouldn't we light a Christmas candle for him this year?"

"Certainly, my son," she replied, "we might have done that, but hardly much more. For I may as well tell you now, Otto, the death of Alfred and his mother has cost us so much, you must do without the new coat I was going to buy you at the holidays."

For a moment the idea of losing what he had looked forward to with much pleasure saddened Otto's heart, but he got bravely over it.

"All right, mother," he said, with a pretense of the content he did not altogether feel. "Some other time."

After his prayers that night he kept thinking of the dead boy in the graveyard. And he either thought or dreamed he came to him in a vision and asked: "Have I not enough poor brothers and sisters on earth who may take my place? Do for them what you wished you had done for me."

When morning came the words were still ringing in his ears. After his devotions he sat on the bed a few moments to reflect, and a strong purpose came upon him.

"I'll write a letter to my schoolfellows," he mused, "and try to get a lot of presents or a good tree for the children of the poor school. Each one of us can do something for the less fortunate of the town."

"But it won't do for the writer of the letter to be known," he went on, half aloud. "Unknown I can more fully enjoy the fun and see what comes out of it."

Then, on going downstairs, he at once told his mother of his intent. She not only enthusiastically approved of it, but also suggested how he could carry out his wish to conceal his identity.

He should write the letter and she would copy it. This was done, and in an hour he had put down what he wished to say on paper, she had transcribed it and it was sent to the teacher of the high school, with the request that he read it to his classes at his convenience.

So Otto and she waited in joyful expectation of the outcome.

Several days passed without result. At last the

to you, and you must furnish the answer. Come, let me know what you think about it."

Otto had stood up with the words:

"Herr Lehrer, I think we should make a collection."

Then the whole class rose and shouted with one voice, "A collection."

The teacher, with the brightest of approving smiles on his grave face, gave his consent, and then gradually led the excited youngsters back to consideration of their regular school tasks.

On the evening of that same day two men were talking in a miserable hovel lying some distance outside the town. Had the peaceful residents known what was the topic of their conversation, they would have slept less quietly.

There was considerable difference in the ages of the pair. One was about 35 and the other nearer 40. In the face of the latter was every sign of dissipation and wickedness. The countenance of his younger companion was as yet unmarked by those signposts on the downward path.

Whatever their topic was, the elder had paused a moment in his talk to take a draught from a black bottle before him. After handing a glass of the liquor to his comrade, he resumed:

"While my wife—your sister—was ill, and her baby worse, I had to work at the shoes night and day. What wonder I grew tired, nervous and out myself—there's the scar still—holding out his hand—"see that I could not work. No work, no money, no medicine and not a crust of bread in the house. Nobody would help me. I was starving; so was your sister—and our baby's cries pierced my heart."

"I went to the baker Fromler, for whom I had done work. I begged him for God's sake to give me bread to save my starving dear ones. He laughed at me and ordered me out of his shop."

"I was mad. I did not know what I was doing. I seized him by the throat and would have choked him to death, but that the police were too quick for me."

"I got ten years for it and served every day of my sentence. When I came out my wife—your sister—and my child were dead. Nobody could even tell me where they were buried."

It was evident by his frequent mention of the words, "your sister," that he was trying to rouse a spirit of hatred in the heart of his young comrade.

"I came back here, and they think I am trying to lead a better life. But I am fooling them. I am a thief, a member of a band made outlaws by injustice like myself. We have sworn to be avenged when the time comes, and it is almost here. We intend this Christmas to light up the biggest tree in this kingdom, has ever known, starting with the church and schools, and will burn every house in the town of Thalau. I shall kill Fromler, and then it needs Knuth die content."

The young man whom he had, in the course of his remarks, addressed as Ludwig, shuddered and his face grew white. Before the other could resume his threats, a distant shot was heard.

"That is a sign for me," said the desperado. "If we hear two more it means nothing is to be done tonight."

He had hardly ceased speaking when a couple of reports sounded from different directions.

"It is all right," he remarked to Ludwig, "we may rest."

Almost immediately after the reading of Otto's letter, the boys got down to business. In fact, the

day following on returning from school he ran to his mother in great jubilation, shouting:

"Just think of it, mamma. Already the scholars have collected over \$5. Every one of them brought something else, too. We have, among other things, the cannon, a sword and a box of soldiers. The teacher owns two boys, Gus and William, fetched a big rocking horse. All were taken to the front room of the teacher's house and what we had almost filled one side of it. He's taking care of the money, too. As first in class, he told me to keep the account of what is collected each day. It's just splendid, the whole business."

After some further talk on the subject, Mrs. Koerner sent Otto to the baker Fromler's for the morning's bread, and meanwhile knitted at a pair of stockings she intended should make one of her own contributions to the school's collection.

The house in which the Koerner's lived belonged to this man. He was between 50 and 60, stout and florid. Vain of his wealth, mean in spirit and coarse of speech, he was liked by none. His wife, both in appearance and nature, was his other self.

There was, at the moment, a loud racket close to his store door. Two boys, on their way to school, were going by. They were doing their best to make a great uproar and fairly succeeded. One had a slightly used drum and the other a trife battered but still serviceable trumpet.

"These boys go. That's the way children are taught nowadays. Going to their lessons with drum and trumpet. Bah!"

He and his wife were still exchanging opinions on the wrong educational ideas in vogue, and how the schools were going to the dogs, when a servant maid entered with a basket on arm.

"Did you know the teacher is collecting money and Christmas toys for the poor school children?" was almost her first remark.

Fromler said he couldn't believe such a thing.

"But it's true," retorted the girl. "Our house is turned upside down with the things the school has gathered and there's no making anything out of Gus and Will, they're so excited over it. It must be a great laugh with teacher. He says an unknown boy wrote a letter to him, which he read to the class, and this is what's happening. Of course, that's only a joke."

"Not a doubt of it," added the baker's wife, in a tone of conviction; "he wants to make himself important by pretending to hide who the real person back of it is and then pretend to be surprised when it comes out."

"Well, if this is true," broke in the baker, "I think I have a word to say about it. This sort of business is no part of the school lessons. In the next meeting of the town council I'll see that the teacher is called to account. I'm not a member of it for nothing, and I won't allow such carrying on."

Even at the time this conversation was in progress in Fromler's store, there was an important conference being held elsewhere on various phases of the same subject. In the teacher's house was present Herr Schneider, the head of the poor school. He had called by invitation to talk over the coming festival.

"You know the idea?" inquired Herr Lehrer.

"Only slightly," returned the other. "I heard some of our boys talking about wonderful things that were going to happen to them this year, but that is all."

After having explained to him the details of the affair, which pleased him beyond measure, he was shown the toy riches already accumulated. Herr Schneider could hardly believe his eyes.

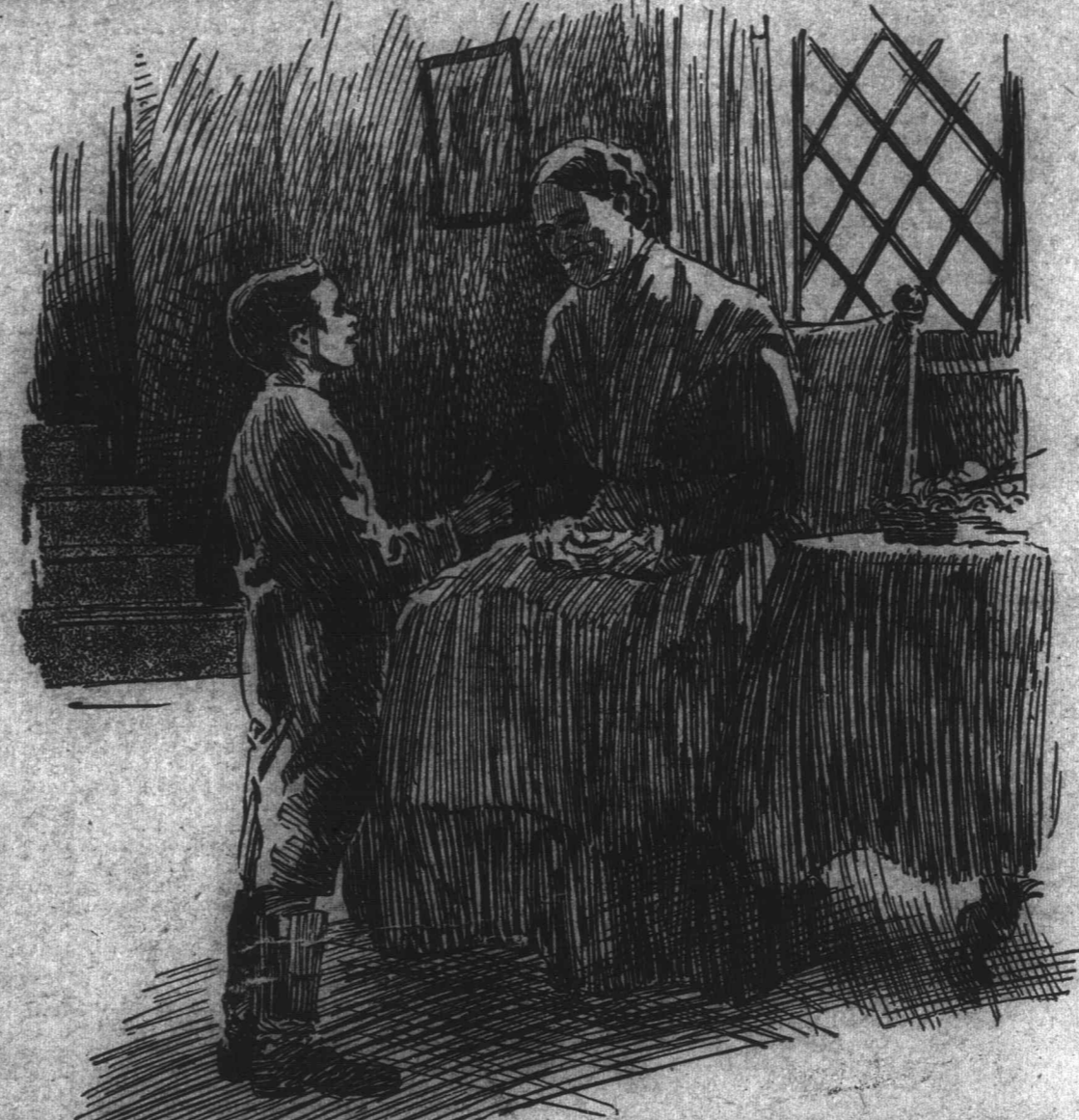
As soon as he left the principal's house he went to the pastor in spiritual charge of the poor school and told him the story. In his turn the minister was delighted and promised all the aid in his power to make the affair a success.

That same night there convened an extraordinary meeting of the town council, called by the burgo-master, at the request of the master-baker, Fromler.

The latter was first to appear. As the other members entered they saw him sitting firmly in his seat like a bomb about to burst.

After the session was opened in regular form, the burgo-master told the baker to state his reasons for requesting that it be called.

"The latter, after hesitating and having he told why he thought Herr Lehrer should be rebuked for his collec-



"If little Alfred was still alive, mother..."

tion business. "It is against decency and Christianity," he concluded.

"How?" he was asked.

"It is filling the heads of the children with nonsense. Then he went on to tell of several instances he had had in his store and what he had learned since. "And that's not the worst. It will teach them to steal. A case was related to me where a boy stole a box of his sister's toys to take them to school and so be a big man among his fellows."

"Who told you that story?" inquired a member.

"It's all true, no matter who told me."

"You are mistaken, master-baker. It is not true. It was my son who was supposed to have taken his sister's toys, but she simply mislaid them, and forgot



"All were taken to the teacher's house..."

where she put them in her bureau. Hereafter, don't be so ready to listen to the story of our servants when they go to you for bread."

"I still insist," cried Fromler, shagreened at his defeat, "that it will make the children disobedient, liars and lead them to steal."

This last remark caused general commotion. Half a dozen members were prompt to say that though they had children interested in the collecting, they had noticed no tendency to lying, stealing or disobedience in them.

Next in the order of speakers was Herr Rucker, a factory owner. He was a man of rather shallow mind, had traveled to some of the larger cities a day or two at a time and picked up some of the jargon of politics and economic questions. These words he worked into his talk wherever he could. Two favorite expressions were "ideas" and "principles."

"Gentlemen," he commenced, "this matter has a dangerous side. I am opposed to the whole idea. The alleged principle of it is 'goodwill.' Goodwill is another word for charity, and what does that lead to? To laziness. People who can get money or goods without working will come to demand them as a right. No! Give folks bread only when they labor for it. That is my principle."

The teacher himself now took the floor.

"If never thought a good and innocent thought would meet such opposition or be so misconstrued. Children have done what we failed to do. They should make us ashamed of ourselves. One of you speaks of a new idea. It is really as old as the gospel of the Lord, one of the first teachings of Jesus Christ."

These final words made a deep impression and there fell upon the assemblage a deep silence, which was only broken when the president asked if Fromler's motion to approve the teacher should pass. Only two voted for it, Rucker and the baker himself.

"And now," said the burgo-master, "I propose that, following the example of the children, we do some good deed for the poor of our town. Those who are in favor of further favorably considering the matter will rise."

tree, and it was simply beyond the power of art to have made brighter lights than glowed upon its branches.

If there was anything that possibly beamed with brighter luster, it was the eyes of the children as they gazed enraptured on the ravishing sight; yet joy went even further when the gifts were handed out—words, in fact, fail to do justice either to the variety of presents or the boundless exultation of the happy receivers.

Before the children went home, after an evening that must have been marked full of golden letters in their lives, the teacher announced a resolution, passed that afternoon by the council. It was to this effect:

"To those scholars who graduated at Easter, first in their class, three boys and three girls, should be presented confirmation garments, purchased by and given as an honor in the name of the community. Moreover, the three boys should be put to trades and their apprentice fees paid from the public funds."

And Otto Koerner, who had been the first to sow the little seed from which so much had grown, what of him?

Whether or not it was known his head bent the head and heart which had devised so noble a scheme, remains doubtful. Still, there is reason to suppose that in some way or other it had come to the ears of some eminent and wealthy persons, who were incited by the circumstances to the encouragement of such traits of character.

In any case, it is certain that at the most interesting part of the festival ceremonies Herr Lehrer ascended the platform and said:

"My dear children: I am going to tell you something that I know you will like. The council has concluded to offer to the best scholar of this school a free course at the university. The credit of being the first to win this great honor has fallen upon one whom you all love and who I feel will prove himself worthy of the prize that has come to him. Otto Koerner, you have been selected as the one best entitled to this honor."

Although up to this point his name was not mentioned, all eyes had been fixed upon him from the start, and now a loud huza, joined in by young and old, made the rafters ring while the lights on the tall Christmas tree shone with greater brilliance, as though trying to add their meed of glory to the crown that seemed to encircle the boy's fair brow as he kept his joy on his mother's breast.

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careful moment came. The scholars were all in their places, when the principal, a tall, stately man with white hair, entered, carrying a letter in his hand.

"My children," he began, "today I have something very important to say to you. Listen."

He slowly unfolded the letter and read:

"My dear schoolmates: The holy season is near at hand. We all are made so much happier by it. It brings us love and the gifts of love. But how many children there are that can know nothing of its joy."

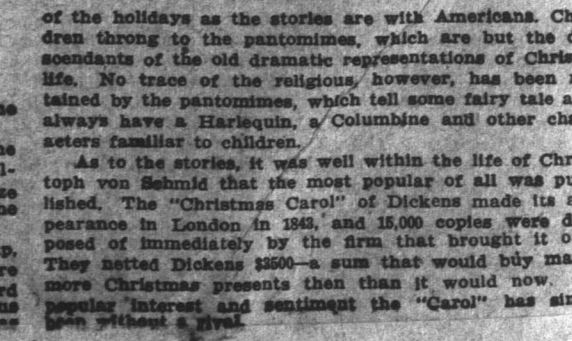
"I propose that each of us choose one of the children of the poor school as his Christmas friend and invite him to the festival that we will get ready for them all. Let each of us bring to the school whatever our parents allow us, either of toys or money, for the purpose."

"ONE OF YOUR SCHOOLFELLOWS."

The teacher was much moved as he finished reading the letter. It was plain, too, that the scholars grasped the idea at once. He could clearly see the im-

pression made. "My boys," he remarked, "the letter is addressed

"What a glorious picture!"



of the holidays as the stories are with Americans. Children draw to the pantomimes which are but the descendants of the old dramatic representations of Christ's life. No trace of the religious, however, has been retained by the pantomimes, which tell some fairy tale and always have a Harlequin, a Columbine and other characters familiar to children.

As to the stories, it was well within the life of Christoph von Schmid that the most popular of all was published. The "Christmas Carol" of Dickens made its appearance in London in 1843, and 15,000 copies were disposed of immediately by the firm that brought it out.

They noted Dickens' sum that would buy many more Christmas presents than that it would now. In popular interest and sentiment the "Carol" has since been without a rival.

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DELIGHTFUL ENTERTAINMENT BROUGHT TERM TO A CLOSE

Great Time at Belleville High School Last Evening—Prizes Presented—May Be a Collegiate Soon.

There was a night of jollification and entertainment at Belleville High School last evening to celebrate the closing of a successful fall term and to witness the presentation of the prizes, diplomas and scholarships.

The first part of the evening was devoted to a concert in which a delightful program was most capably rendered.

The first number was a chorus by the club "O Canada" which was rendered with excellent intonation and volume, though it must be confessed the masculine portion of the club was somewhat outclassed by the general feminine. Other choruses rendered by the club during the evening were "The Harp that Once Thro' Tara's Hall" and "The Men of Harlech."

Miss Helen Simpkins, one of the senior students, displayed considerable forensic ability in an address of welcome.

Miss Sabra Bonisteel, a petite and popular elocutionist brought the audience to a merry mood by reciting a selection from "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" as an encore she gave "When Grandpa was a soldier."

A dumb-bell drill by a class of 12 men and Mae Holland was well rendered and enthusiastically applauded.

A piano duet by Misses Marie Yeomans and Marie Yeomans was another very popular number with the audience.

Mr. Sidney Newton sang in fine voice a difficult vocal selection and as an encore gave another comic selection.

Master Lorne Deaton, a youthful violinist, showed that he had already acquired remarkable proficiency with this most difficult instrument.

A solo and octette chorus, a parody on the latest favorite "Come to the Ball" which was transposed to be "Come to Our School" gave the applauding boys a chance to let loose.

Those taking part were Messrs. Berkly, (solo) Newton, Rankin, Rogers, Red Morden, Downey, and Bateman.

A very pretty ribbon drill was put on by twelve young ladies all arrayed in white, and was a very beautiful and attractive feature. The ribbons were black, blue, red, and green.

A vocal solo by Miss Helen Simpkins was rendered in a charming soprano voice, showing rare control and wide range. As an encore she gave "Comin' thro' the Rye."

At the conclusion of this part of the program, Principal MacLaurin asked Messrs. C. M. Reid, H. Sneyd, and Col. W. N. Fontenot to accept seats on the platform to assist in the presentation of prizes.

Mr. Reid made a brief address in which he stated that Belleville High School was never in such good circumstances as now. Never had it had so capable a principal and staff as at present. The board spent more than \$150,000 on new schools the past two years and our schools were now such as we could all take pride in. He was especially pleased to have so many new buildings in West Belleville.

HUGE JOSTLING CROWD AND HIGH PRICES AT XMAS MARKET

Prices of Poultry Soared—Quotations on Turkeys, Geese and Ducks—Eggs and Butter Firm and Not Plentiful—Other Features on Market Square.

The Christmas market has come once again with all its high prices, its jostlings, its haste, its disclorings and once again the market building which holds a record crowd always at this season is empty.

Such a crowd may have been qualified at some previous Christmas markets but it has not been surpassed. The doors and corners of the tables were packed with people, unable in many cases to reach them.

The tables were filled knee deep with every kind of barnyard development, the turkeys, geese and ducks. The chickens were not so numerous.

There must have been eleven prices paid for turkeys ranging from 20c to 30c per pound. The geese brought about 25c per pound. There were some very small examples for \$1.50 and \$2.50 and \$3 were required to induce the average one to come off the perch.

Prices naturally were high and the density of the buyers and purchasers rendered selling difficult. Thrats were made to take the birds home if the prices demanded were not paid.

Geese were no higher than 10c per pound. Eggs were unchanged in price and fine and would suit your epicurean taste if it were too large for your pocket book.

These little things the ducks brought \$1 a piece today. The chickens were almost forgotten in the sight of the deep breast-boned turkeys and the plump geese. Some of the offerings in the fowl line were small and sold at 5c each per pair.

A number of the birds had not the robust appearance of the turkey and geese.

Generally speaking, one could say that the poultry offered for sale was in excellent condition as to plumpness and care in plucking and dressing for the market.

Yesterday and Thursday in this district there was a huge slaughter of fowl.

The highest turkeys moved around \$1.00 although these were not many. The majority of turkeys were those between the \$2.50 and \$3.50 stage of growth, suddenly arrested.

Police guarded the doors and two officers of their best to get a split momentary glimpse into the market and non buying spectators.

An overflow market was held upstairs in the city hall.

Butter was none too plentiful but the price stayed high today at 45 cents per dozen. There was no slump in the quotations for these. They were none too plentiful, and seemed few in comparison with the previous market in their offerings.

The finer market this morning missed the usual flower display of Messrs. Thos. Givens & Son who were unfortunately burned out the other evening. Their Christmas exhibition of the season's flowers and plants was always one of the features of the market.

SIDNEY T.P. COUNCIL

Town Hall Sidney, Monday, Dec. 15, 1913. Council met pursuant to adjournment.

Those present were Charles Keithson, Reeve; Chas. H. Vanderwater, Deputy Reeve; Geo. A. Rose, Chas. B. Meyers and Harry L. Ketcheson, councillors.

Minutes of regular meeting, Aug. 26th and special meeting Sept. 20th read and approved.

The clerk read a letter from F. E. O'Flynn counsel for Hiram Rosbush re removing obstructions and widening of road between con. 7 and 8 from Frankford to Stirling road west from Trent river.

Moved by Mr. Chas. B. Meyers, sec. by Mr. Chas. Vanderwater, that the above communication from Mr. F. E. O'Flynn, solicitor for Hiram Rosbush be received and filed and that no action be taken on same, and that the clerk be instructed to notify Mr. O'Flynn re council's action—carried.

Moved by Mr. Vanderwater, sec. by Mr. Geo. A. Rose, that the following accounts be paid—The Municipal World, \$4.25; S. Mason, solicitor \$10; Morton and Herby \$7.20; The Intelligence \$89.45; W. H. Wesce, constable fees \$12.00; Telephone acct 40c; The Township of Rawdon 1st of expenditure on McKee's Hill between Sidney and Rawdon \$25.12—carried.

The following bylaws were passed through their various stages, signed, sealed and numbered 646, and 647 consecutively—A bylaw to provide polling places and appoint deputy returning officers and poll clerks for 1914.

A bylaw to authorize the collector to continue the collection of taxes. Moved by Chas. B. Meyers, sec. by Chas. H. Vanderwater, that the treasurer be authorized to refund Mr. James W. Gay \$2.50 overpaid on 1912 collector's roll—carried.

Moved by Mr. Chas. H. Vanderwater seconded by Harry L. Ketcheson that the minutes of Dec. 15th meeting be now read and adopted and that council adjourn sine die—Carried.

A. J. M. Chapman, Township Clerk

SIR M. BOWELL'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Collector of Customs, J. M. Bowell and Mrs. Bowell of Vancouver, B.C. left on Friday for this city to be present at the family reunion in honor of the 90th birthday of Lt. Col. the Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, K.C.M.G., who was born on Dec. 27, 1823.

Mr. Eddie Malves of Winnipeg, arrived in Belleville Saturday evening and will spend the Christmas holidays visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malves, Coleman street. It has been nearly three years since Eddie went West. He at once secured a fine position in the Winnipeg office of the Canada Cement Company and that position he has since retained.

Christmas Gifts!

If you desire a Christmas Gift for a man or boy come here at once—Come here first and save that tiring "Shopping Tour of the Town" that usually takes from the Christmas season half its joy! We've the sort of gifts men and boys like.



- Suits
- Overcoats
- Raincoats
- House Coats
- Bath Robes
- Neckwear
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Christmas

(Written for The Ontario by Rev. A. M. HUBLEY)

Ring the bells! Let the heart be thrilled with gladness! Gather the children! Let the home altar fires be rekindled, and joyous music be heard by all the "shut ins." Sing forth the Angelic welcome—sound it out, cry it to the utmost bounds of the earth.

The sun of righteousness has risen with healing in His wings, and shines forth from Bethlehem to chase away earth's mist and darkness, and to leave in the golden day of Heaven's reign of love! This reign of love is growing old, yet, eternal youth is stamped upon it. Increasing millions feel its Almighty quickening, and its tender sympathy.

It proclaims forgiveness for the most wicked of men, delivers from the power of darkness, translates them into the Kingdom of God, and lightens

CARRIED A ROOSTER TO THE POLICE STATION

Citizen Gayed and Challenged a Man—Rooster Had Flown in His Face.

Fowl, the living as well as the dead, must be getting everybody's Christmas goat these days on the market, on the railway track and even on the streets. Last evening was seen another fowl episode on our main thoroughfare. A rooster under a sudden impulse of fright, whether to avoid the Xmas headman's axe or the housewife's especially sharpened kitchen knife, flew out of a gangway and re-explained into a man's face. That was some a touch not to be resented and quick as a flash his hand grasped the leg of Chanticleer, who let some

the Pilgrim's way with the glory of the Lord! It gives hope in the hour of despair, and joy to gladden all the journeys of life.

Let our Christmas greeting be sincere and true. The very air is vocal with divine voices, calling us to leave the haunts of envy, ill will, misunderstandings, resentments, quarreling, sorrow and disappointments, and to seek the upland of peace, goodwill and happy bestowed fellowship.

Make the "Tiny Tins" and "Little Nells" glad with love-gifts. Bring forth your offerings, all ye people! Worship in faith and holy joy the "Christ Child," casting in His feet your heart-treasures, that He may give them back to you a hundred fold more precious.

Make beautiful Belleville ring with Christmas chimes, sounding out a happy greeting of peace and goodwill to all the world!

Here was the chance for the wide jawed, fat cheeked funny man to have some fun. A spectator and some others told the victim the only thing he could do was to carry the rooster to the police station and give it up and dared him to do it.

The man took up the challenge and walked down the street with the barnyard hero, who was a little disorderly at times. Finally the words "Police Station" came in view but the bird thought it was a rest and poultry market. Indeed it had been such. Then the police had the time of their lives. At first they could not understand the situation. As far as the captor could explain, he did so. Then the words came "What did you bring it down here for? We don't want it. Take it back where you got it."

The last seen of the man and the rooster was the combined figure of the twain going up the street.

Miss Irene McLaren has returned from Nanorott in the vicinity of which she has been teaching.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM OUR AMELIASBURG CORRESPONDENT

Beware of Skating on Thin Ice—One-Sided Political Discussions—The Rossmore Shoot—Fine Addresses at Farmer's and Women's Institute—Excellent Suggestions for Securing Better Class of Municipal Servants!

Ameliasburg, Dec. 22—No snow yet for Christmas but the present outlook for skating is good. It is much to be hoped that our young people will not be too venturesome as the ice at best will not be very thick unless the weather should turn much colder than it has been. When so much pleasure and happiness is looking forward to on Christmas, for any family to have the occasion saddened by a drowning fatality would cast a gloom of the deepest aspect over many homes and lives. Permit us again to impress upon the minds of any who may go out on the bay to keep loose to shore and what would be better still on shore unless a sudden change for making ice takes place during the next few days.

The whole air is alive with the ringing of Xmas chimes, Mountain View, Victoria and Redherveville during the festive season and as all of these places have become noted for the high class of entertainments given on those who desire to attend any of them will not be disappointed in having a pleasant evening, should the weather be favorable.

Quite a large number from this place took advantage of the free trip to Fenton on C.N.R. to hear Hon. Mr. White and other speakers. The great trouble with most of the gatherings is that they are generally one-sided and only those who attend who need no drilling up to keep in line and would not or could not be influenced to vote any other way than according to party discipline. It would seem that greater satisfaction could be derived by those who desire information in all sides could be represented and public questions discussed from both points of view. For some reason this does not appear to meet popular favor and much less support is given the suggestion by the parties who do the speaking. Most of the speakers on both sides of politics prefer to talk to their own supporters without any fear of contradiction, and a strong probability of being rewarded with volumes of applause whether their efforts are deserving of it or not. So long as this is continued there is not likely to be any serious thinking done by the voters. They are most likely to allow their leaders to do the thinking for them and they will act the part of slaves and do as they are bidden, so they blind and take their chances with the rest of the flock, about their approval of whatever they are told to whether they understand the subject or not and trust the ballot-box for the rest. It may be many years before a change will take place in the present system of discussing public questions. The change will come and the time will come, when political candidates will find themselves obliged to do pretty near as the voters desire instead of as now the voters doing as the candidates require.

The turkey shoot last week on the farm of Mr. Raymond Robin near Rossmore is reported to have been a success. Some of the crack shots from the city were over and did some good shooting but the champion of the day was Mr. Harry Adams who won four turkeys and a goose. At the beginning, Mr. Robin, who is an acknowledged good shot, was ruled out from shooting and the city club expected to have all the game but Mr. Adams lowered their temperature considerably before the shoot was over. Considering the few opportunities the ones who reside in the country have for making themselves good shots compared with those in the city, Mr. Adams promises with practice to be one of the best of shots, being a young man of excellent habits, steady nerve and not easily excited. We congratulate him upon this success and hope to hear of his winning the silver cup next fall at the annual pigeon shoot.

The Women's and Men's Institute meetings as reported last week have come in for a good deal of talk upon the part of those who were fortunate enough to be present. Mrs. Watts' address to the ladies was something out of the ordinary line. One lady is reported to have said "Mrs. Watts talk to us like a mother, but the lady added "the fear is too many of us will find some one else to apply her advice to in place of taking the most of it ourselves." This appears to be a failure of the men as well. So many find it so much easier to see faults in others and suggest or apply remedies than to take a little of the medicine themselves. Unless a personal application is made of the most of Mrs. Watts' remedies by the ladies a very great deal of her excellent address will be lost. Mr. Shearer demonstrated beyond a doubt that he knew pretty near what he was talking about. In this particular the general opinion was he differed from many of former speakers in other years at Institute meetings. On too many occasions in the past speakers have given a good deal of fine advice about farming, stock raising, etc. and when inquiry came to be made as the conditions about their own farms they were along way off from the system advocated. Mr. Shearer did not appear to be of this type. He was a farmer and knew the joys and sorrows of farm life. He advocated nothing unreasonable and a great deal that was reasonable, and if put in practice by his hearers most certainly prove profitable in various lines of farm work. He said situations would of course vary and every allowance must be made for such conditions. Both Mr. Shearer and Mrs. Watts' the meeting with pleasant thoughts of their reception and in this regard no institute speakers heretofore have so completely captured the good will, high esteem and respect of their audience as they did on the 12th inst.

Before we shall have another opportunity, the municipal nominations will be over and the names of candidates will be announced. The situation is entirely in the hands of the electors. The various councils of the townships will be just what the electors say. If no interest or concern is taken in deciding upon a ticket before hand by the level-headed men of both sides of politics, comprising the names of candidates, pledged with their support, who would be a credit to the municipality if elected, the same old rule will be followed and general dissatisfaction will be heard over the results. It is impossible to bring these desirable changes about without joint efforts by both sides. Men have been set up as candidates by both parties that were known to be totally unsuited for the position. Unfortunately such persons allowed themselves to be made dupes of by

We extend to the Publishers and readers of this family journal, our most sincere wishes for a bright and cheerful Merry Christmas, the complete enjoyment free from care, or sadness of all days in the year, together with a goodly list of settled resolutions for the happiest and most prosperous New Year they have ever experienced.

Wretch of Treachery—Strength of body and fear of mind are inevitably impaired by the visitations of asthma. Who can live under the cloud of recurring attacks and keep body and mind at their full efficiency? Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy dissipates the cloud by removing its cause. It does relieve. It does restore the sufferer to normal bodily and mental healthiness.

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their friends. Good men, many of them in their line but out of line in the work expected of a member of a municipal council. The successful election of such a person in the past has been far too seldom and has done more to keep a more capable class of men from seeking or permitting an election on their behalf. And it's not to be wondered at while it can never be expected to be remedied so long as either, or both political parties will give their support by nomination or vote to those whom they know are not the right kind of men for the position. We care nothing about what party a candidate bears his allegiance to or whether he has been fortunate enough to pile up a fat bank account and has been educated at a Johns Hopkins university. The question is to decide whether he is narrow enough to be right and broad enough in his views to be just to administer the affairs of the municipality to the advantage of the greatest number, if he is not cut out for that he is no use in the position and a discredit to himself and a dead loss to the municipality. We trust our readers will pardon plainness in this matter. It is simply one of business. It concerns dollars and cents and judging from the past it means a good many of them in this county. We have no names to submit neither are we fishing for a nomination under any conditions but we desire to see a general coming together of the thinking men of the township and a stop put to this foolishness which has been going on for years past. We would suggest selecting three Conservatives and two Liberals, the majority of whom have some knowledge of the work, pledge them by requisition or otherwise a united support to those nominations. If they will stand their nominations, if they will then see they are properly nominated and go home about your business. Keep out of any caucus and have them do the same on election day place them at the head of the poll. If such a course is adopted we believe better representation will be had at the township board, and also at the county chambers. There are young men who would develop with training and they should be encouraged. Too many old heads are dangerous. Sometimes especially when they have passed the useful mark. We have the subject for consideration of the electors and hope to hear them speak out now for a change or hereafter hold their peace.

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BRIDGE STREET XMAS SERVICES Sunday was a special day at the Bridge Street Methodist Church, and the usual large congregations were in attendance. In the morning the pastor took for his subject "Ourself and Others" and gave to the congregation one of the strongest addresses against selfishness and in favor of unselfishness that has been given for a long time in this city. The choir gave two anthems and a quietette, consisting of Mrs. Ray, Miss Hughes, Miss Price, Mr. Cameron and Mr. Staples was given at the close of the service. In the evening special Christmas music was furnished by the choir. The pastor's sermon Luke 2 chap. 14 verse "Peace on earth good will to men" was the subject. The pastor in a twenty minute sermon breathing the Christmas spirit, pressed strongly home to his hearers our duty at this Christmas time to our neighbors and to God. The church was crowded, the large class rooms were opened to seat the large congregation. The musical program consisted of the following: Anthem "Awake, Awake, Awake"; Anthem "Lift up your heads" (Messiah); Handel, "I waited for the Lord" (Hymns of praise); Handel, solo "Rejoice greatly" (Messiah); Handel; Carol "O peaceful night"; Miss Hughes and quartette; Gaila Gounod, soloist Miss Mayel Scork; solo "Christmas song" by Fred. D. A. Cameron. The music was of a very high order and appropriate for the occasion. The pastor thanked all taking part, the congregation sang "God Save the King" and after the pastor had pronounced the benediction the large audience slowly left the building after hearing one of the best Christmas sermons and splendid Christmas music. The congregation are very enthusiastic about the repairs in the church and expect to be back in the church in one month.

DIFFICULTIES OF EVERY-DAY LIFE Address by E. J. Butler Before the Total Abstinence Society. At the regular meeting of the Total Abstinence Society of St. Michaels, held in their rooms at the Academy, the growing interest being taken by the members in the promotion of the worthy cause, was deeply manifested by the attendance. With the closing of the year, and the coming of New Year's Day, with all the good resolutions to be made, we feel certain that there will be a tangible increase in the membership list for the coming year. Mutual cooperation, encouraged and aided by the cheering advice in the form of the worthy Director, has proved itself the best factor of success. A most pleasing feature of the evening was a clear, practical lecture by Mr. E. J. Butler, on the subject of the difficulties of every-day life, touching on matters to be met with by all men in their various states of life, he covered the subject, with illustrations of the difficulties to be solved, followed by a clear, forcible exposition of the proper methods of dealing with them. This was highly appreciated by the members present, as was evidenced by the cordial applause. Before closing, Mr. Butler speaking from his professional experience, kindly referred to the beneficial effects of the Society's work and deeply praised the efforts of the officers and members in general in promoting this worthy cause. On behalf of the Society, a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Butler for his kindness in addressing the meeting. Messrs. F. Lynch and George Lee also contributed materially to the evening's entertainment and met with hearty applause. In closing Rev. S. A. Corrigan referred with pleasure to the growing interest being taken by the members in the cause of the society and exhorted all to continue the good work which is being done.

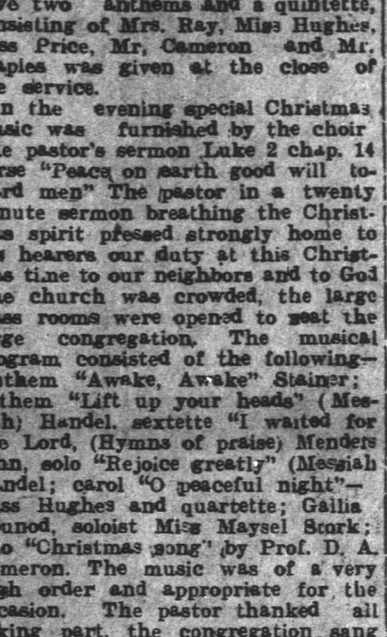
REDNERSVILLE Rednersville, Dec. 20—A number from here attended the Christmas entertainment held at Messasaga on Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stafford spent one day this week with the latter's sister, Mrs. E. Fox of Northport. The W.M.A. of Center packed a bale of dry goods valued at \$75 for the poor of the north county. Miss Atkinson, our teacher, has returned home for the holidays. The Farmers club met on Wednesday evening last to discuss orchard growing and spraying. The discussion was led by Mr. Frank Dempsey and Mr. Chas. Daking. We were pleased to hear that Mr. Chislett is gaining rapidly. Mr. Elwood Spencer had the misfortune of losing a valuable cow on Friday last. Killing and dressing fowl is the order of the day. A quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. Spurgeon Dempsey when their youngest daughter Gladys was united in marriage to Mr. Roy Wainman on Tuesday evening last. Mr. Freeman Spencer has been sick during the week but is better now.

SERVIAN WAS ROBBED OF \$175 Franco Koschakowski had a rude cold awakened at two o'clock this morning. He has been engaged in construction near Shannonville and came up to Belleville last night. He went to a hotel and had a couple of drinks, soon asleep and the next morning did not know how to make known that he wanted a bed and lodging. He wanted to go away by the train this morning for Kingston. So he attempted to seize the man, but with a blow or two he was not away. The worst feature then dawned upon him. His pants pocket and one hundred and seventy-five dollars were gone. The pocket had been cut out with a knife. Geo. Renfrew, a young man was arrested this morning charged with robbing the foreigner. Renfrew had \$32 on him when arrested. The Servian who faced with Renfrew is said to have said he was the man.

ALL THE NEWS FROM TRENTON Trenton, Dec. 22—Rev. W. J. Harris, of Maynooth, an Anglican clergyman, well known here, and previously in desecrated orders, was raised to the order of the priesthood by Bishop Bidwell at Kingston on Sunday, 21st inst. Mrs. H. Meath returned to Seakaton today. The funeral of the late Mrs. J. P. Shurric will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Tuesday, 23rd inst. Mr. Macfarlane of the Molson bank staff will spend Christmas at Richmond, Que.

JURY EMPANELLED Dr. W. W. Boyce last evening empanelled a jury to inquire into the cause of the death of the late Adam Craig, at his residence on Lincum street. The session was only preliminary and the inquest was adjourned until tonight. Mr. Morrow of Toronto, is in the city.

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GIVING CITY A BLACK EYE That a proper building and equipment for a shelter for the neglected children of the City of Belleville, the Town of Trenton and the County of Hastings would cost \$25,000, was the statement of Dr. J. J. Farley, the president of the Children's Aid Society, at the meeting of a committee of representatives of Hastings, Trenton and Belleville, held in the committee room of the city hall on Monday afternoon. There were present Mayor Willis, Mayor Kidd and Warden Ben Thompson, aldermen and councillors from the three municipalities. This \$25,000 shelter would house 75 children. Dr. Farley's plan was to have the expense distributed according to the population of the three municipalities. Messrs. T. Ritchie, W. Alford and W. H. Wrightmeyer, agent, also addressed the committee in connection with the requirements. Warden Thompson was selected chairman and Mr. A. M. Chapman, county clerk was appointed secretary. There was a great deal of discussion, which was finally crystallized into the approval of the scheme of a joint shelter and the following recommendation— "That the matter of a Children's Shelter proposed to be built jointly by the City of Belleville, the Town of Trenton and the County of Hastings be reported to the respective councils recommending that committees from the different councils be appointed to meet in joint committee to the shelter with power to act." The resolution was carried unanimously, all acknowledging the inadequate and unimproved conditions of the present building.

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- Boys' Sweaters and Sweater Coats 50c, 75c, 1 to 2.50
- Men's Sweaters and Sweater Coats.. \$1, 1.50 to 8.00
- Men's Underwear..... 43c, 50c, 75c, 1.00 to 2.50
- Boys' Underwear..... 25c, 50c, 75c
- Men's and Boys' Collars..... 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c
- Men's and Boys' Silk Handkerchiefs ... 50c, 75c, 1.00
- Men's and Boys' White Handkerchiefs 5c, 10, 15c, 25c

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BOUND IN CELLAR LOST GIRL IS FOUND

Frank L. Barrett of Guelph is Finnish Domestic Dies Shortly After Being Discovered.

SAFE DOOR FOUND OPEN ABDUCTED BY SLAVERS?

Mr. Barrett Says While Putting Papers Away He Was Struck Down by an Assassin and When He Recovered Consciousness Was Trussed Up - Managed to Crawl Into Boiler-room.

GUELPH, Dec. 22.—Tied hand and foot and effectively gagged, F. L. Barrett, president of the Dairy Co., Carden street, was found on Saturday afternoon about 4.45 in an unconscious condition, lying on the floor of the boiler room of the dairy. He had been last seen at 11.30 on Friday night, and although the safe in the front office was found open, no suspicion of foul play was aroused in the minds of the company's drivers when they came for their loads in the early morning. Mr. Barrett is frequently out of the city on business, so that his absence caused no particular anxiety.

So far as can be ascertained he was placing some papers in the safe, when he was felled by a unknown assailant and rendered unconscious. He has no idea of the identity of the man or men who attacked him. He is a heavy man, and the distance from the point of the assault to the boiler room is considerable, therefore, it is practically certain that there must have been more than one assailant. It appears that he recovered consciousness some time after being attacked, but was unable to break the harness straps which securely found his arms behind his back, and his legs. He struggled until he again became unconscious. Again recovering he succeeded in crawling out of the inner recess of the boiler room, where he was found by Leonard Warrington, an employee of the dairy. He had gone into the cellar to fire up. The police were notified, a doctor was summoned, and Barrett, who had a slight loss of consciousness, was removed to the hospital. Yesterday morning he regained consciousness, and is reported to be doing well. A few dollars appears to be all that is missing from the premises.

ROYALTY SHOPPING.

Their Presents This Year Will Be All-British Goods.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The King and Queen are both booming British goods this year, and are making a special feature of giving all-British presents. It is customary each year around Christmas time for royal warrant-holders to send a selection of Christmas presents to Buckingham Palace for Their Majesties' approval. They are stored in a large room which is temporarily converted into a luxurious shop. The year the warrant-holders are specially requested to send no goods of foreign manufacture, in whole or even in part. The present gift list of the royal family is necessarily on a huge scale. This scheme facilitates the housing of a large number of presents. But the old idea that royalty never goes shopping in person but selects only from wares sent to the palace is completely exploded. Queen Mary is often to be met with shopping in Bond street, Regent street, and Piccadilly, while in the past two days Queen Alexandra has been seen mingling with bargain hunters.

MUST REFORM SCHOOLS.

Lord Haldane Says Britain's Greatest Need Is Army of Peace.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Lord Haldane continues to lay a type of the Government and the country the need for real reform in England's educational system. It is understood that the Government has some intention of attempting the herculean task, but, for the moment the problem of education is kept in the background by questions of less importance to the national prosperity.

In speaking on the subject at a gathering of students at the Mansion House, Lord Haldane said he was well aware of the need for such a reform. He had been made in British national education during the last quarter of a century, but he was also well aware that still more startling strides had been made in other countries.

What the country needed was an army of peace, to defend it from the invasion of the highly skilled and highly trained foreigners.

Farmer Kills Himself.

CORNWALL, Dec. 22.—Fred Myers, a native of Messina, committed suicide by hanging himself in a cow barn at his farm at Antwerp, following a murderous attack on his wife and a man named Daniel Gilligan, who had been asked by Mrs. Myers to stay in the house that night to protect the Myers family, which consisted of Mrs. Myers and three small children. Myers had been acting strangely for a few weeks. He was a prosperous farmer, about 42 years of age.

Japanese Arms For Mexico.

TOKIO, Dec. 22.—The arsenal at Tokio is manufacturing a quantity of arms ordered by the Mexican Government, which it is expected will be shipped at an early date. Japanese officials explain that this merely a matter of business, and is not indicative of any unfriendliness to the United States.

Scientists Slain by Cannibals.

BRISBANE, Australia, Dec. 22.—Cannibals in Neumeklenburg, an island in the Bismarck Archipelago, have massacred Dr. Deiminger and another German scientist, together with fourteen natives who accompanied them.

After Being Missing For Three Weeks Annie Yakinson, a Servant In Annesley Hall, Toronto, Is Found Dying in a Field, Starved and Half Frozen—Signs Point to Foul Play.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Unconscious from hunger and exposure, and almost lifeless, Annie Yakinson, a Finnish girl who has been missing from her place of employment at Annesley Hall, Victoria College, for three weeks, was found by John Dew near a corn stack in his field at the southwest corner of Forest Hill road and Eglinton avenue, east of a morning about 11 o'clock. The girl died in Mr. Dew's home a few minutes after she had been taken in.

Attracted to the spot by the moans of the dying girl, Mr. Dew at first attempted to assist from her some information as to how she got there; failing in this he carried her to his home, summoned Dr. Bond of Yonge street, but in spite of all the restoratives administered, she died before the arrival of the doctor. Near where she was lying on the ground was found her hat, coat, and gloves, lying in a pile as if they had been thrown there.

The deepest mystery surrounds the disappearance of the girl. Three weeks ago, in company with Mardita Dianyst, a Finnish domestic of 87 Howland street, she visited a picture show, after which the girls parked at the corner of Spadina and Bloor. Since that time Miss Yakinson has not been seen, although a reward of \$500 has been offered for her discovery. In the minds of the police officials there is no doubt but what she was abducted by unknown persons and kept somewhere for the past three weeks.

James Lindala, a prominent Finnish Torontoist, who has been active in the search, declares she has undoubtedly been a victim of white slavery, and believes the girl has been carried to the field where she was found during Sunday night. The fact of her hat and coat and gloves being found in a pile beside her, he says, proved this conclusively.

A strong smell of stale beer from the clothes on the body lends additional weight to Mr. Lindala's statement. According to Dr. Bond, who examined the body, the smell of stale beer was unmarked, except for the face, which was badly scratched. Dr. Bond's opinion as to the cause of death last night was that she had died from starvation and the night's exposure in her weakened condition.

FATHER MURDERED.

Daughter Maltreated by Unknown Desperadoes.

FORT LAIN, N.Y., Dec. 22.—A crime that has aroused the countryside was discovered early yesterday morning, when Harry Barrett, 20 years old, succeeded in freeing himself from gag and ropes at her home, six miles west of Fort Lain, where, after she was attacked Saturday night, her father was murdered by a man or men in search of money. The victim was John Barrett, 60 years of age. He was clubbed and shot through the head. His money, a considerable sum, he had hidden behind a wall panel and it was untouched.

Helen Barrett was stunned by a blow of a club while reading, between nine and ten o'clock. She was gagged and bound and thrown into a small ante-room. Her father was slain when he came to her aid. The daughter did not know who committed the crime, and the authorities have had to work without a clue.

Husband Took Wife's Pay.

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 22.—In order to prevent the deportation of Gordon Malmstead to England Saturday, Judge Carman advised him to tell any relatives of his kind in the old country not to come to Canada. Malmstead was arrested on a charge of non-support and desertion. He and his wife had been employed at a Grimsby canning factory, but the most of the time was put in by his wife. The man turned up on pay day and assured both pay envelopes and disappeared. Charitable neighbors had provided for the woman and placed her in the St. Catharines hospital. The couple will be deported together.

Escaped From Wreck.

LORETTE, Man., Dec. 22.—The C.N.R. train from Duluth and Fort William was derailed near here yesterday and five coaches and a baggage and dining-car overturned into the ditch. The wreckage caught fire but the two hundred passengers escaped through windows, scratched caped through windows, scratched the flames. A relief train from Winnipeg returned there last night with the passengers. A broken rail caused the accident. Three day coaches and all the hard baggage belonging to the passengers were destroyed by the fire before bucket brigades had subdued the blaze.

Express Car Burned.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec. 22.—While it is impossible to determine the exact loss, an estimate of \$75,000 is placed on the damage done to a heavily laden express car, in an east-bound train over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, which mysteriously caught fire while passing through East Lynn Saturday. It is placed on the messenger, Charles Blum, driving the messenger, Charles Blum, of Woonsocket, R. I., to the outside of the car, where he clung to chains, unable to notify the engineer, and nearly ready to collapse when the train reached here. Practically all the merchandise in the car was damaged.

Splendid Christmas Bargains

SAMPLE HAIR BRUSHES—Special sale of manufacturers samples. Ebony and Rosewood back, pure hand drawn bristles, also wire hair brushes, rubber set, all at Special Bargain Prices.

MIRRORS ON SALE—These too are samples, plated, rosewood and ebony backs, with clear and some heavy bevelled glass, on special sale especially for gift giving. . . . 15c to \$2.50

NOVELTIES IN Japanese Handkerchiefs, Collars, Ties, Gloves and Trinet boxes, handsomely finished in beautiful designs. . . . 25c and 50c

TOILET ARTICLES—Hair Brush, Comb, Mirror and Cith Brush in handsome satin lined cases, on sale . . . \$1.25, \$2.25 and \$4.25. Manicure Sets in velvet lined cases, on sale \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.00 and \$4.80

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Come and look round the store and see the many beautiful things displayed especially for gift giving, all marked as close prices. Shop early in the morning when possible.

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To supply our ever increasing trade, we have stocked larger than usual for Christmas in

Novelties

Christmas Stockings from 5c to 25c each. Candies in bunches, representing Bananas, Onions, Grapes, Carrots, Raddishes, at 10c per bunch.

Chocolates

Moirs Savoy and Bond's English, in bulk or handsome boxes from 1-2 lb. size up.

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Our own make, all the usual kinds and some new ones added. Strictly pure and of most delicious quality.

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Notice to Xmas Shoppers

As the weather has been unusually mild for this time of the year and as we have a large stock of Ladies' and Gents' Suits and Coats we have decided to reduce our stock by reducing the prices, and it will be to your advantage to come and do some early Xmas shopping. The following is a sample of some of our special values:

- Ladies' Grey Blanket Cloth Coats, reg. \$14.50 for...\$10.98
- Ladies' Brown Blanket Cloth Coats with suitable trimmings, reg. \$17.00 for.....\$13.49
- Newest models in Black and White Curl Cloth Coats, reg. \$17.50 for.....\$13.49
- Men's Dark Tweed Suits in special values, regular 9.00 for.....\$6.98
- Also Men's Blue Serge Suits, reg. \$10 for.....\$8.39

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| Morris Chairs | Children's Wicker Rockers |
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COWNS JOHN

Ladies Made For
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COWNS WORN BY JOHN ST. CHOIR

Ladies Made First Appearance in New Garb Last Evening.

Wearing long black gowns, and an arrangement of the time-honored mortar-board caps, and white neckcloths, the lady members of the choir of John Presbyterian Church appeared last evening for the first time in their new garb. Their robes now harmonize with the ministerial dress. The male members of the choir do not wear the new apparel.

The position in which the choir is placed in John Street church, perhaps renders the dark robe more advantageous in effect than in churches where the choristers are in front of the organ and behind the minister.

The contrast between the varied effect of the old style and the simplicity of the new was very marked.

The many expressions of approval of the gowns and caps heard on all sides seemed to fully justify the change. For some time it has been the desire of the Board of Management to have the choir appropriately attired, and now their wishes have been gratified by the generous gift of Mr. Thomas Ritchie, toward whom the hearts of the choir have been with great warmth of feeling.

Both in material and workmanship the outfit is pronounced by competent judges as one of the best. The gowns of the leader and the organists are distinguished from the others by the velvet collar, gathered sleeves and vest of purple velvet. This generous Christmas gift will doubtless do much for the musical service of 1914.

The pastor, Rev. E. C. Currie commented upon the great assistance of the choir with the Christmas music and noted the pleasing effect of the new robes which Santa Claus had presented the choir already under the influence of their new dress.

John Street choir is the first of the evangelical church choirs in the city outside of the Anglican, to wear the gown and mortar-board.

During the evening service the choir sang "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" and Miss Eva LaVoie and Miss May Sel Stork sang Christmas songs in excellent style and won high praise for their efforts.

The pastor's sermon was on the marks of a Christian in John the Baptist, the witness of the Light.

XMAS SUNDAY AT THE TABERNACLE

The Christmas spirit was abroad at all the services. The Junior League rooms were tastefully decorated. There was an attendance of 62. The Sunday School rooms were bright with color in readiness for the Christmas tree tonight. There was an attendance of 300. Rev. Dr. Baker was present and briefly addressed the school. Large congregations gathered at divine service. The class meetings well sustained under devoted leaders. The music was very pleasing and of a high order. It reflected great credit upon the choir under the leadership of Dr. Gilbert. Mr. Duff as usual rendered most efficient service at the organ.

The morning anthem was a rendering of "Jesus Lover of My Soul", Mrs. Nicholson, Miss Foxton and Dr. Gilbert took the obligatos.

Mrs. (Dr.) Kinnear sang a beautiful solo in pleasing voice at the evening service.

The evening program was as follows: Anthem—"Sing O Ye Heavens"—the choir.

Solo—"My God and Father while I stray"—Mrs. (Dr.) Kinnear.

Antem—"Blessed are the poor in spirit"—choir, Dr. Gilbert taking the obligato solo.

Solo—"The Christmas Glory"—Miss M. Foxton.

MASSASSAGA ENTERTAINMENT

The Massassaga Sunday School held their annual entertainment on Dec. 18th. The program consisted of music, recitations, dialogues, drills, pantomimes and tableaux. The local talent was ably assisted by Mr. J. Stevenson, Mr. A. B. Ransom and Mr. Armitage of Albert College. All report a very enjoyable time. The proceeds amounted to \$40.

SHOW CASE BROKEN

In some unaccountable manner a glass show case in front of Mr. Chas. J. Symons' store was broken last night.

BLAZE IN PANTRY

Fire about eleven o'clock last evening was discovered in the residence of Mr. Hutton, corner of Victoria Ave and Albert street. The blaze was a small one at the pantry and was extinguished before the firemen arrived.

DEATHS

ORRIG—In Belleville, on Sunday, December 21st, 1913, Adam Craig, aged 49 years.

Ready-made Medicine.—You need no physician for ordinary ills when you have at hand a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. For coughs, colds, sore throat, bronchitis troubles, it is invaluable for scalds, burns, bruises, cuts, sores, ulcers, and the like it is an unquestionable healer. It needs no testimonial other than the use, and that will satisfy anyone as to its effectiveness.

PORT HOPE BOYS IN LOCAL COURT

Heavily Fined for Trespassing and Riding Without Fare on Train.

Five young Port Hopes landed in Belleville police court this morning after an exciting time since early Sunday morning. They were Roy Service, aged 16, driver; Fred Markie, 22, butcher; Harry Levy, 16, bank clerk; Boyce Davey, 23, driver, and Douglas Glenn, 23, tinsmith.

The story as told by the youths is that they were intending to go east and when they got to the Port Hope station, the train was moving out. They had not time to get tickets and jumped aboard. Near Cobourg they were caught by three G.T.R. detectives and put into the baggage car under arrest and brought to Belleville.

In court this morning Magistrate Mason accepted their plea of guilty of trespassing on the G.T.R. and being on the train without paying their fare.

The magistrate told that one hundred and sixty-nine men and boys had been killed stealing rides during the past year and that the government and railroads have taken up the matter of trespass and asked the magistrates to see that the penalties are enforced. Offenders could be fined \$50 with two months in jail.

The five Port Hopes were each fined \$10 and costs payable forthwith or 21 days in jail.

Fred Markie said he had lots of money to pay for his fare when he jumped on the train. As it was Mr. E. J. Butler appeared for the Grand Trunk.

WAGES CASE ON WEDNESDAY

The case of D. M. Craig vs. W. A. Dingman on the charge of non-payment of wages was to have come up in police court this morning but was enlarged until Wednesday, E. D. Flynn for plaintiff; W. Carnew for defendant.

COURT OF ARBITRATION

Judge Huycke of Napanee, Judge Morrison of Picton, and Mr. John Williams of this city form an arbitration court in the C.P.R. and Ketcheson and McCaragar case. The court met this morning and adjourned until Jan. 13th as the railway was not ready to proceed because new orders had been issued.

CLAPPER SENT UP FOR TRIAL

Albert Clapper was this morning given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Mason on a charge of indecent assault and sent up for trial on charges of horse-stealing, indecent assault, and attempt to have knowledge.

John Smart, Indian, on a charge of drunkenness pleaded guilty this morning but refused to tell where he got his booze. He was given \$10 or thirty days.

The assault charges in connection with a fight in a poolroom have been settled between the parties.

Mr. B. Mallory found a door key and a pair of eye glasses on the street. They are at his office in Shire Hall, awaiting owners.

Wretched cold from Asthma.—Strength of body and vigor of mind are inevitably impaired by the visitations of asthma. Who can live under the cloud of recurring attacks and keep body and mind at their full efficiency? Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy dispels the cloud by removing the cause. It does relieve. It does restore the sufferer to normal bodily trim and mental happiness.

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OBITUARY

ED. JOHNSON
The death occurred on Saturday of Edward Johnson, aged 82 years. The remains have been shipped from this city by Messrs. Tickle and Sons Co to Bancroft for interment.

ADAM CRAIG
In the death of Adam Craig which occurred on Sunday at his home, on Lingham street, Belleville loses a most highly respected resident. Some three or four weeks ago Mr. Craig fell and sustained injuries. He had lived in Belleville for 19 years.

He was a native of Scotland and in this city attended St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. He was in the G.T.R. service in the work shops. Four sons and one daughter mourn his loss. The sons are M. J. J. H. W. S. and A. G. and the daughter Miss Ethel, all of this city.

Let me sell you an Endowment Policy. It is a nice asset to receive, especially at this time of year. I am paying them to someone every month. Particulars cheerfully given. Burrows of Belleville. 420-411

TURKEYS AND BUTTER STOLEN

Thief Made Good Hunt at A. E. Bailey's Store House.

On Friday night, some person or persons broke into Mr. A. E. Bailey's storehouse on Pinnacle street and made a haul of turkeys and butter. Between half a dozen and a dozen turkeys were taken and a considerable quantity of butter.

CHILDREN'S SHELTER

Representatives of the City of Belleville, town of Trenton and county of Hastings are conferring this afternoon in the city hall over the proposed Children's Shelter building for the three municipalities.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT

Mr. Will Grant is recovering from a very unpleasant experience he had at the week-end. He was about to jump into the Canadian Express wagon when the horse started and he slipped and fell to the ground. Fortunately he fell in such a way that the wagon wheel did not strike him until the shock had been broken by a stone which caused the wheel to bounce and great his head. As it was his face was cut and his wrist was caught by the wheel. Fortunately no bones were broken. He is as yet unable to return to his duties.

DELIVER MAILS IN EXPRESS CARTS

The Belleville mail carriers are having their first experience on the streets delivering Christmas mail. Until the holidays are over, their will be a heavy task. So heavy had the mail become this morning that small hand delivery wagons were secured and fitted up with boxes to house the packages, newspapers and letters which were to be taken out on the routes. Some of the men had packing boxes aboard and were assisted by little boys.

ALL THE NEWS FROM TRENTON

Trenton, Dec. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Foster are rejoicing in the arrival of a Christmas baby boy.

Mr. Fred T. Miller of Vancouver, formerly connected with the Miller and Canning Company here, is in town on a visit.

Mrs. Wilson of Edmonton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. E. Matthews.

Mrs. Meath of Saskatoon, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Whitton.

Mr. Arch Abbott is in Belleville today on legal business.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison have gone on an extended visit to Florida.

George Nolan formerly of this town but now a resident of Calgary, is visiting in town.

Mrs. L. R. Arnott of Toronto, is visiting at the residence of Mrs. B. W. Powers.

Arthur Armstrong has gone into business at Seneca Falls, N. Y. A Toronto paper is the authority for this statement. If also states that he will not play hockey this season.

The Salvation Army will give a dinner to all the poor children who will attend, free. Donations to assist in carrying out this idea will be thankfully received by the Army officers. Here is a chance for our citizens to make themselves happy by contributing to the happiness of others not so fortunately situated.

Capt. Hunter, of Hamilton returned Saturday to spend a few months with his family, Pinnacle St.

Mr. Charles Mutton and Mr. Ray Pickery are in the city in the interest of the Bell Telephone Co.

Ald. Fred Slater and Mrs. Slater leave tomorrow to spend Christmas in Toronto the guests of Mr. Louis Slater.

At St. Andrew's church last night, Rev. A. S. Kerr preached a deeply impressive sermon on "Christian Beneficence." His remarks were followed attentively by a large congregation.

IMPORTED EIGHT PERCHERONS

N. Vermilyea & Sons Received Large Addition to Their Stock.

In the Anglo-American hotel yards on Saturday were eight of the finest specimens of Percherons ever seen in Belleville. Recently Messrs. Arthur and Clarence Vermilyea of Thurlov, visited Paris, France for the express purpose of purchasing the best possible stock for the stock farm of Messrs. N. Vermilyea and Sons. France is the home of this famous breed of horses.

Messrs. Vermilyea selected from the best exhibitors at the annual exhibition in Paris. As a result they have brought home six mares and two stallions. The former are worth about \$1000 each and the latter about \$2000 each. Some of the mares won "first class" prizes at the exhibition in Paris this year and their prize money reached a grand total.

N. Vermilyea and Sons now have ten head of the Percheron breed.

CONSERVATORY "AT-HOME"

tail of Belleville Conservatory of Music Entertained Pupils Friday Afternoon and Evening.

The spacious and commodious rooms of the Belleville Conservatory of Music looked their best yesterday afternoon and evening in their "at-home" decorations.

Mr. Dan A. Cameron's studio, which was used as the tea room, was in Japanese effects, yellow streamers and Japanese lanterns being the accessories. The festive colors of jade-green and red, white Miss L. LaVoie's room was in pink.

So phenomenal has been the growth of the Belleville Conservatory that the number of city pupils in the various departments has reached the total of one hundred and ten. As these young townspeople do not receive any of their instruction at Albert College with which the conservatory is connected, and consequently miss some of the pleasures which the students of the college departments of music, art and expression enjoy, arranged to be "at-home" to the Belleville pupils yesterday from four to eight o'clock.

The guests were welcomed by Miss Laura LaVoie, Miss Strong, Miss Cameron and others of the staff and were taken to the tea room, where Miss Eva LaVoie, Mrs. D. V. Sinclair and Mrs. C. M. Stork poured tea and coffee. Serving were Miss Lobb, Miss Bonstedt, Miss Vermilyea and Miss Sinner. The refreshments were tea, coffee, sandwiches, cakes and ices. As the guests came and went, Miss Edna Wallace, the Misses LaVoie, Mr. Cameron and others furnished musical numbers.

The "at-home" was a most successful function on the social side, many of the students calling on their teachers.

The conservatory staff is composed of Mr. O. York of the staff and Miss Laura LaVoie, Miss Edna Wallace, Miss Frances Strong, Miss Eva LaVoie, Miss Jessie Tuite and Mr. Dan A. Cameron, director.

RIFLE CLUB HELD FIRST SHOOT

The Foxboro Rifle Club held their first shoot Thursday, December 18th. Considering the rifles were new to the men, the scores were very good. 27 shots, 200 yards, possible 100.

Ira Simmons.....76
C. C. Davis.....73
J. G. Shaw.....72
B. Cooke.....70
B. Ketcheson.....69
C. Empson.....68
J. G. Shaw, Capt. D. F. Ashley, Sec.

Next shoot, Wednesday, Dec. 24th.

ALBERT COLLEGE CLOSING

On Friday night Albert College closed one of the most successful terms in its history. The outlook for the coming year is bright for a greatly increased attendance. The school reopens on January 9th.

TURKEY SHOOT SUCCESSFUL

The Turkey Shoot pulled off at the Belleville Gun Club yesterday was a successful affair. The winners were as follows:—Mott, E. Day, Sprague, Bennett, R. Day, Woodley and Andrews. The principal feature in the shoot was a miss and out event. The results were that all hats had to be lifted to Mr. Woodley.

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- Men's Fancy Handed Umbrellas, initialled free.....\$2 to \$4.00
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Those who have had the pleasure of viewing our Xmas showing of linens, know that it is the finest in Belleville, and for the benefit of the Christmas shoppers we have placed five tables loaded with Christmas linens at greatly reduced prices. Lot No. 1 includes Doylies, Center Pieces, Children's feeders, End Pieces, Scone Doylies, Plate Doylies, Your Choice at

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An excellent array of Dresser Covers, Tea Cloths, Pillow Shams, Tray Cloths, Doylies, Centre Pieces, Embroidered Plate Doylies, Old Bleach Guest Towels in Satin Damask, Pure Linen, Drawn Work, Lace and Embroidery. These we have marked to clear at 29c each.	Including Cushion Covers, Centre Pieces, Pillow Shams, Tea Cloths, End Pieces, Plate Doylies, Stand and Dresser Covers, Tray Cloths, Cosy Covers, Laundry Bags and Scone Doylies. They are beautiful quality materials and all big bargains at 39c.
At 59c	At 79c
This table includes practically the same named articles as on the 39c table in excellent quality fancy embroidered linens and muslins, plain hemstitched Linens, Battenberg and Drawn Work, Cluny and Satin Damask in Cushion Covers, Centre Pieces, Pillow Shams, End Pieces, Plate Doylies, Stand and Dresser Covers, Cosy Covers and Scone Doylies, etc., your choice at 79c.	Showing fancy embroidered Linens and Muslins, plain hemstitched Linens, Battenberg and Drawn Work, Cluny and Satin Damask in Cushion Covers, Centre Pieces, Pillow Shams, End Pieces, Plate Doylies, Stand and Dresser Covers, Cosy Covers and Scone Doylies, etc., your choice at 79c.

A Handkerchief is Always Acceptable as a Gift

The handkerchief booth on the main floor offers Christmas buyers some hundreds of different style handkerchiefs to choose from, all of Christmas gift quality, and so low in price that it only takes very little money to buy a gift worth while. For instance:

- Maltese Lace Handkerchiefs.....\$1.25 to \$2.75 each
- Fancy Boxed Handkerchiefs, 3 in a box.....\$1.00 and \$1.25 box
- Boxed Handkerchiefs, 5 in a box, for.....\$1.50 box
- Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs from.....15c to \$1.35 each
- Ladies' Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs.....15c, 20c and 25c
- Ladies' Plain Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs.....10c to 35c each
- Children's Colored Handkerchiefs from.....3c to 7c each
- And a special Ladies' Fanch Embroidered Handkerchief, at 12 1-2c each

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

REAPING THE WHIRLWIND

"The pendulum has already begun to swing adversely," states Mr. Harrison Watson, Canadian Trade Commissioner at London in his annual report, "which indicates a marked decrease of Canadian exports to England during the past year."

The customs revenue for October decreased by nearly \$1,500,000 as compared with the same month last year, a dropping off of \$50,000 a day.

During the eight months of the present year the customs revenue aggregated \$75,001,109 as compared with \$76,032,075 during the same eight months of 1912. These are figures given out by the Customs Department, with every possible effort to minimize their significance.

There is every probability that the decreased revenue for October will be increasingly continued during the winter months, since the bulk of importations occur during the summer navigation season. It is more than probable that the end of the year will witness a decrease in customs revenue of \$10,000,000.

The Minister of Finance is now floating in London a loan of \$20,000,000. Half of this will be used to pay treasury bills—paying debts with borrowed money. The rest will be used to replenish the almost empty treasury, and of course a good slice of it will go to Mackenzie and Mann as a part of their \$15,000,000 gift.

During the last 12 months Hon. Mr. White has gone to London to borrow the astonishing total of \$45,000,000. He has had to pay over four per cent for every dollar of it. The interest on borrowings for this year alone amounts to \$1,800,000. The last loan of \$20,000,000 at four per cent had to be sold at 97, which means nearly 4.5 per cent interest. This is practically one per cent higher interest than Hon. Mr. Fielding ever had to pay. By the end of the fiscal year, Canada's debt will be increased by probably \$30,000,000—with a permanent additional charge of \$1,200,000 a year for interest.

London financiers comment unfavourably and openly upon the continual raids of Hon. Mr. White on the British money market. The Morning Post, an influential English Conservative paper, friendly to the Canadian Government, scathingly criticizes Hon. Mr. White's method of borrowing huge sums privately, in addition to his public borrowings and says—"It must be impossible for the investor to have any clear idea of the financial position of the debtor." That is exactly what the Canadian Government wants, to hide its real financial position from both the British who lend and the Canadians who must pay back.

In face of these conditions Hon. Mr. White gaily announces that estimates next year may amount to \$250,000,000 as against "only" \$200,000,000 last year. This will mean a total expenditure of probably \$300,000,000 including statutory items. The absurd explanation is that the government considers times of financial stress proper season, for huge Government expenditures. Such a system applied to any business institution would mean speedy bankruptcy.

After two years of Conservative Government exports and imports have declined; Canada's borrowings have increased; her credit abroad has suffered; her interest rate on English debts has increased; the public debt is growing again; her custom revenue for the first time since the Fielding tariff of 1897 has seriously declined; expenditures have about trebled in three years.

It is time that the pendulum turned. Its swing is already apparent towards the Liberal policy of sane economical administration which will reserve Canadian credit at home and abroad, together with a provision of the tariff which will give the poor man a chance to live within his income.

A young man in a prison cell said to a kindly visitor:

"They think they are punishing me. They aren't. I am tough and can stand it. They are punishing my poor, old mother; and she isn't guilty."

That of course, was in one of the brutal and less worse than useless prison with cells; in a grim, gaunt, ghostly machine for the hardening of human nature.

Such foolish institutions, will soon be no more. Instead, there will be places where mother's boy will be given a fair chance and full encouragement to become, in spite of failure and follies, the kind of man she used to

pray he'd become. Instead of making it impossible, the government will help.

As we near the good-will climax of Christmas, much of it unconsciously personal and selfish, wouldn't it be well to think of that jail-bird's mother—her sorrow, her loneliness, the way we make her Christmas unhappy by the vindictiveness we continue in our scheme of punishment?

A Detroit man, who had contributed a bundle of his cast-off clothing for the relief of the victims of the Minnesota fire, received from one of the sufferers the following note:

"The commity man giv me amongst other things what he called a pair of pants, and 'twould make me pant some to war 'em. I found your name and where you live on one of the pockets. My wife luffed so when I shode 'em to her that I thot she woud have a conipshun fit. She wants to no if there lives and breathes a man who has legs no bigger than that she sed if there was he oter be taken up for vagrancy for having no invisible means for support. I couldnt get 'em on my oldest boy so I used 'em for gun cases. If you have another pair to spare, my wife woud like to get 'em to hang up by the fireplace to keep the tongs in."

The world's gold production has been increasing of late at a phenomenal rate. Canada alone last year produced more gold than was produced by the entire world in 1801. This country produced nearly double the quantity of the yellow metal that was produced by the entire world in 1701. In the first year of the present century the world's output of gold was \$254,566,000, or more than twenty times the output of the first year of the preceding century. The world's output for last year was \$66,512,000 almost double the output of twelve years before. Africa alone produced nearly \$206,000,000 worth of precious metal last year, not so very much short of the world's production twelve years before. And Africa's production has only begun. The gold bearing reef of the Rand alone is 45 miles long, 22 miles wide, and shows no sign of failure at a depth of 3,000 to 3,500 feet. One authority estimates that there is enough gold deposited in that one place to supply each individual on earth with \$30,000 worth.

Still the new J. P. Morgan is quoted by the New York Post as saying that the demand for capital is in excess of supply. Because of that condition interest rates have within a very few years gone up by one to two per cent. Again on the other hand, because gold has become so plentiful, the purchasing power of a gold dollar to day is only ten per cent of the purchasing power of the same dollar in 1801.

I'm specting such a lot of stuff,
My stocking won't be big enough,
And so before I go to bed
I'll just hang mamma's up instead.

A QUESTION.

If there isn't any Santa Claus, who is it turns your feet
Toward the shop where gifts are smiling as you walk along the street?
Who is it sets you thinking, though you're busy as can be,
About the songs and laughter round the children's Christmas tree?
Though you vow "this Christmas business is a nuisance anyhow,"
There's an influence at work that clears the frowning from your brow.
The small tin trumpet sounds a blast that wakes your soul serene
To homage for the doll who is a lady and a queen.
And the once prosaic world where it has been your lot to dwell
Is a realm of fascinations 'neath some mystic fairy spell.
If there isn't any Santa Claus, who is it day by day,
That turns our thoughts to Christmas, strive to shun it as we may?
Who comes at this bleak season armed with telepathic arts
And by generous suggestion dominates our minds and hearts?

Despite the militarists who want war and the pessimists, who believe that war is unavoidable there is reason to believe that the day is approaching, though it may be yet far distant, when its doom will have been sounded.

Militarists may scoff at proposals for international disarmament and arbitration and earnest advocates of such proposals may yet meet with many disappointing rebuffs. The campaign of education, however has now many able advocates and with growing enlightenment will finally bear fruit in the triumph of sanity which will sound the doom of war.

The modern business attitude towards war was fairly well expressed by one at the meeting of the New York State Bankers' Association the other day when he said that there is more money to be made by trading with a man than by killing him or governing him.

One exception may be made to this general rule. There is one business that would benefit by war, namely the armament industry. Whichever side might win or whichever side might lose, the armament makers would gain. Hence it is not surprising to learn that an important part of the promotion business of these armament makers is the provoking of wars and the creation of war-fears.

Two hundred and eighteen antimilitarist members of the French and German Parliaments recently met at Berne, Switzerland, for the purpose of considering how Franco-German relations might be improved. This meeting was, says the American Review of Reviews, hastened by the shameful revelations recently made as to the manner in which armament makers in Germany, were endeavoring to create ill-feeling between the two nations in order to increase the sales of munitions of war.

At this joint meeting of French and German parliamentarians, a resolution was unanimously adopted repudiating "patriotic excitability" and demanding a decrease in armaments "no matter what trade may be hurt." The conference also warmly supported the proposal of United States Secretary of State Bryan relating to arbitration treaties, and demanded that all disputes between France and Germany be submitted to arbitration.

When the East India potentate punished nine conspirators who had plotted his destruction, he caused them to be blown from the mouths of cannon.

Frequently when mobs get crazy and conclude to execute an accused person, they burn him at the stake.

In the middle ages there were ralers who confined their enemies in solitary dungeons and left them to die by slow tortures.

To satisfy justice in past ages, men have been securely fastened to horses and the horses forced by the whip to run in opposite directions, thus tearing the flesh in two.

Modern thought is beginning to understand that such incidents are not, to punish the offender, but to gratify the brutal instinct of those who punish. It is not even to warn others against like crimes, but to gratify the vengeance of the ruler, the mob or the executioner.

The penal institutions of to-day are beginning to adopt the humanitarian idea of reform instead of torture.

The school room is becoming the scene of kindly discipline instead of an ugly wielding of the rod.

The parent is beginning to learn that he should not punish his child when in anger.

All these reforms are based upon the new idea that punishment is not intended to yield vengeance.

THE CHRISTMAS GUEST.

Whoso shall come any way this night,
By moor or hill or shore,
From him the blessed candles' light,
From him the open door,
(Oh Mary, this for thy Son's sake,
'Though mine comes in no more!)

My hearth is swept my Yule logs burn
My board is decked and spread;
For any who may seem in turn
Are warmth and wine and bread.
(Oh Mary grant my son this night
Be housed and comforted!)

Bid, banned or beggared come for guest,
My heart shall share his woes,
And on his head my hand shall rest
To bless him ere he goes.
(Oh, Mary, grant my son this night
That blessing and repose!)

This night, for thy one Son's dear sake
Wait light and warmth and wine.
Oh Mary we be mothers both!
Take these my tears for sign,
And this I do for thy sweet Son,
Wilt thou not do for mine?

—Theodosia Garrison.

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NOTICE

A meeting of the municipal electors of the Corporation of Township of Thurlow will be held in the Town Hall, Cannifton on Monday, Dec. 29th, 1913 at 12 o'clock noon, for nomination of candidates for the offices of Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors in said township, and in case a poll is required the vote will be taken on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1914, in the respective polling subdivisions in the said township aforesaid.

G. A. CALLERY, Clerk and Returning Officer, Cannifton, Dec. 10, 1913. D18-210

CHEESEMAKER WANTED

Tenders will be received until Wednesday, Dec. 31st for the manufacture of cheese for season 1914 in Mountain Cheese Factory. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Make for season 148,267 lbs. cheese. Apply Archie L. Groat, Sec. C.R.E. No. 6, Belleville. D18-210

FARM FOR SALE

Lot 1 and 2, 5th Con. Tyendinaga 150 acres. Good buildings, new house, with furnace and telephone, new barn, silo, rural mail. Apply W. G. Huffman, Gilead Ont. T. F. W.

FARM FOR SALE

The undersigned offers for sale his farm consisting of part of lot 19 in the 2nd con. of Huntingdon containing 70 acres more or less and part of lot 19 in the 3rd con. Huntingdon containing 59 acres. On the property is a brick house 28x54 with frame woodshed. Barn with stone basement 50x34, hog pen and horse stable 30x40, drive house 28x40, hen house 24x18; silo 14x30. There is a never failing well from which water is piped to all stables and pasture and pumped by power windmill on the barn. This farm is well situated being one mile from Thomasburg and in a good state of cultivation. Apply to Mr. John Robinson on the premises, or Thomasburg P.O. D23-wtd

BARN FOR SALE

Barn in good state of repair on Lot 13, Con. 7 Thurlow. For further particulars apply to W. S. Caldwell, R. F. D. Halloway. D3,104; d4,11,18,25w

FARM FOR SALE

Well equipped 100 acre farm for sale, clay loam, first-class condition, school and church close by. Lot 26, 4th concession Sidney, \$5,500. Donald Longwell, Foxboro, Ont.

FARM FOR SALE

Good farm 95 acres, one mile west of Wellington on Lake Ontario. Good buildings, 6 acres orchard, water, four canning factories near also driving horse. Mrs. John A. Bowerman. A14-3mw

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Christmas and Christmas Giving

It is twice blessed:
It blesses him that gives
And him that takes.
—Shakespeare.

(Written for The Ontario by J. H. K.)

As the Christmas season again draws near almost before we are aware of its approach it seems, we are startled with the rapidity with which the year has winged itself away into the past and there at last with a sigh perhaps we lay aside the game Dollars and Cents and prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Saviour as seems best to us. And well may the sigh be one of relief as we turn our hearts on stocks and percentages, in short, commercialism, with all its brain-racking, nerve-trying warfare of possible loss and doubtful gain, for to us Christmas means something infinitely better.

Christmas: What a host of joyous recollections are associated with the day! Little episodes of our boyhood days, or later on our home-coming at Christmas, the friends of our early years all together with its divine significance tend to make Christmas day the most hallowed of all the year. Mayhap our ambitions of the past year have not been realized; perhaps we have had disappointments and sorrows, then Christmas will be to us a day of relief and joy. Or if our real point of view we are disappointed that realization lacks the pleasure we expected and we are wiled to find in Christmas and Christmas-making the single exception perhaps to the rule that anticipation is greater than realization.

For Christmas can boast of more universal good-will and sincere good wishes from man to man the world over than any other day in the year. It is the one green spot set in the sands, the oasis in the desert. And now I have a suggestion to make and it is this—Why not extend this Christmas season, in fact make it last three hundred and sixty-five days if possible? I do not mean the

custom of making gifts except for the very rich perhaps, but just the good fellowship and real concern for one another which prevails at Christmas time.

Why not be ready, nay, watching our opportunity to give the "other fellow" a lift, by word or act at any time. Moreover if his load be heavy and ours light instead of lapsing back into the old selfish way of "every man for himself."

And right here is where I come near envying the rich man his opportunity of indulging in the pleasure of gift-giving. How miserably insignificant the miser and bargain driver in sight of the man who can forget himself cheerfully and give. For often we see evidence that it is as hard or harder to part with wealth than it was to acquire it.

And, after all beyond a few dollars more or less, the rich man gets no more, his wealth notwithstanding, than the laborer. He can show you mortgages and stocks running into the thousands perhaps yet if that same man would take the loose coins in his pocket and distribute them among the poor in the street he would derive more real pleasure from the faces and hearts made happy than from his steadily increasing board of money. It takes a man of courage to give even part of his wealth away and unfortunately wealth and courage do not always go hand in hand.

And if the first Commandment be considered it might not be too much to suppose it was meant to include money, in short, anything which tends to draw man's attention too much from his maker.

No doubt too much time and attention is given to money-getting and too little to cultivating the Christmas spirit which calls for "Peace on Earth Good Will to Men."

Man's inhumanity to man
Makes countless millions mourn.
—Burns

THE STORY OF MARTIN KALLIKAK

About the year 1770, we are told, one Martin Kallikak, a young man, morally and physically straight and of good family, met a feeble minded girl, by whom he became the father of a son, who proved later to be mentally unsound. Subsequent to this Martin married a woman of good family and became the father of a child by her. Now this feeble-minded girl who bore the feeble-minded son had 436 traceable descendants who are accounted for as follows:

- 48 Normal.
- 36 Illegitimate.
- 18 Immoral.
- 27 Drunkards.
- 138 Feeble-minded.
- 32 Died in infancy.
- All others unknown.

Now, Martin's descendants as a result of the union with the normal-minded girl numbered 496; and out of this goodly number 493 were normal individuals. The men, with few exceptions, were intelligent, industrious and upright, while the women were refined and cultured.

This in brief is the story. Whether it is slightly "doctored" in order to boost the eugenics cause, we are unable to say. Many similar stories are published, and on the whole we believe they are true. We know the inclination of a bad blood strain to reproduce itself. Weakness on the part of the mother is more transmissible than that of the male parent. We also know that even so often bad blood and bad moral and mental qualities will crop out, provided our progenitors possessed a vicious strain. This is just as sure as the fact that some pigs will have spots if their parents, or great-grandparents possessed spots. The pronounced moral and mental spots, good or bad, in the human family will be passed on down the line and must be manifested somewhere some time.

Facts have been collated to prove that feeble-minded parents produce paupers, criminals, prostitutes and drunkards. The purpose of a wise and well regulated system of practical eugenics is to prevent the unfit from being born. Those who are dangerous morally, physically and mentally, should be denied the privilege of procreating and perpetrating the vicious strain. This is made possible by strict sterilization laws, and in some cases by sterilization. Such enforcement is not acts of unkindness; neither is it aimed at the production of "thoroughbreds." And again, it is not unjustly taking away any individual's "personal liberty." It is kindness, altruism and common sense.

MEDICAL SUMMARY

FOXBORO SCHOOL

- Junior Room
- Ruth Empeon
- Robbie Marner
- Arthur Demorest
- Jr. Primer promoted from Class A
- George Faulkner
- Bernice Wannamaker
- Marian Longwell
- Sr. Primer from from Jr. Primer
- Garnet Sloan
- Earl Chalmers
- Mabel Ketcheson
- Earl Bamber
- Russell Pittman
- Bruce Hawthorn
- Junior First
- Myrtle Prentice
- Mabel Board
- Jack Lyle
- Evelyn Sloan
- Vera Sloan

The last three named are promoted from Sr. Primer

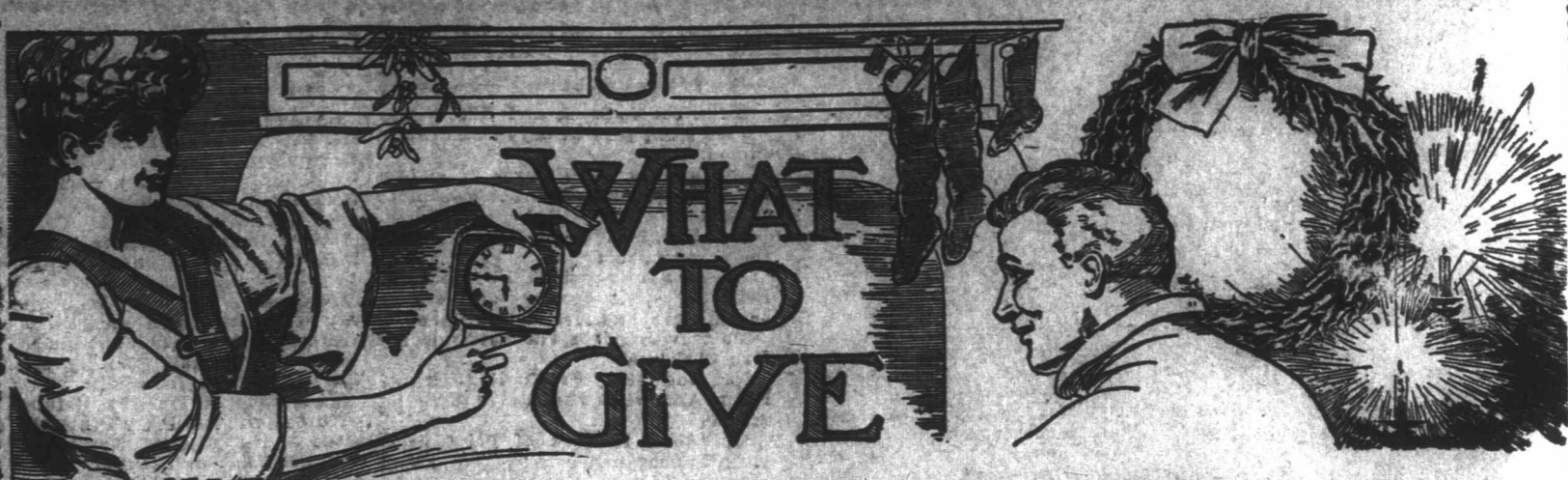
- Sr. I promoted from Jr. First
- Marguerite Smith
- Paerl Carter
- Alec McAlpine
- Burleigh Johnston
- Harold Longwell
- John Irvine
- Geraldine Longwell
- Harold Stewart
- Jean Longwell
- Junior Second
- Fred Marner
- Delbert Nobes
- Willie Nobes
- Melville Hamblin
- Claude Bird
- Charles Sealey
- Orrie Sealey
- Frank Sealey
- Mildred Carter
- Last six promoted from Sr. I

- Senior Second
- Lillie Bird
- Anita Bamber
- Francis Boddy
- Robert Sealey
- Mabel Snider
- Tom Wannamaker
- number on roll 41
- Average attendance 38
- Willie C. Peters, Assistant.
- Senior Room

- Junior Third
- Jessie Ketcheson
- Harry Ketcheson
- Charlie Stewart
- Helen Prentice, absent
- Senior Third
- Marjorie Ketcheson
- George Oliver
- Charlie Bird
- Alex Bamber
- Oliver Hawkins
- Junior Fourth
- Annie Brownson
- Gladya Carter
- Harry Carter
- Harry McDonnell
- Gladya Ketcheson
- Barry Hawthorn
- Helen Davis, absent
- Vernon Brown, absent
- Senior Fourth
- Eleanor Johnston
- Mabel Bailey
- Mabel Bartlett
- Nettie Stewart
- Morris Rose
- Clayton Hamilton
- Robert Hawthorn
- Grace McDonnell, absent
- Redners Brown, absent
- Floyd Bartlett, absent

No. on roll 27. Of these six were absent whole months because of sickness. Average attendance 19.

E. M. Adams, teacher.



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- Ladies' Cloth Coats from..... 5.00 to 37.50 each
- Ladies' Tailored Costumes from... 10.00 to 27.50 each
- Ladies' Velvet Dresses from..... 9.50 to 14.50 each
- Ladies' Cloth Dresses from..... 7.50 to 25.00 each
- Ladies' Dress Skirts from..... 3.95 to 10.00 each
- Ladies' Silk Waists from..... 2.95 to 8.50 each
- Ladies' Kimonos from..... 1.00 to 12.50 each
- Ladies' Satin Underskirts from... 1.98 to 5.00 each
- Ladies' Golf Coats from..... 1.25 to 6.50 each
- Ladies' Aprons from..... 25c to 75c each
- Ladies' Wrappers from..... 1.25 to 2.50 each
- Children's, Misses and Girls' Coats at all prices.

Ladies' Kid Gloves

You will find just what you want in Ladies' Kid Gloves at our glove counter. All the new gloves or Christmas gifts at every price from 75c to \$2.75 pr.

Ladies' Voile Waists

These are some very dainty waists, showing specially for the Christmas trade, in a variety of styles to sell from \$2.00 to \$6.50 each.

25 Per Cent. Off Fancy Christmas Linens

Here is an unusual offering of choice Linens for Christmas buying, an opportunity to please your Lady Friends with Choicest Linens at Sale Prices. In this clearing lot we include Japanese Hand Drawn and Hand Embroidered Linens, Irish Linens, Austrian Linens, Chinese Grass Linens, Hand Drawn and Embroidered and Mederia Hand Embroidered Linens. These include Tea Cloths, Tray Cloths, Linen Bed Spreads, Pillow Cases and Pillow Shams, Table Covers and Centre Pieces, Doylies, Side Board Scarfs and Runners, Stand Covers, etc., all of which we offer for the next three days, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, at 25 per cent. off regular prices.

Silk Initial Hdkfs 19c

These are Pure Silk Handkerchiefs, sizes 14x14 inches, with large letter initial in letters B, C, D, F, G, K, I, L, M, R, and P. regular 25c Silk Handkerchiefs in these letters for only 19c ea.

Neck Scarfs 25c to \$4.00 ea.

We are showing a great variety of Knitted Neck Scarfs or Mufflers, for Ladies', Men's, Boys' and Girls' Neckwear. These are shown in plain and fancy colors, many boxed for Xmas Gifts, to sell from 25c to \$4.00 each.

Emb. Centre Pieces 39c

These are Japanese Hand Embroidered Centre Pieces, embroidered on Silk Bolting Cloth, very pretty floral designs, in a variety of colors, regular 65c Centre Pieces, only 39c.

Dress Silks at 85c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 up

These are some special Silk Values for Christmas selling. All our richest Dress Silks in Blacks and Colors, plain, shot effect, stripes and New Brocades, in fact our Silk Department is wonderful in qualities and prices, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 yd.

Ladies' Neckwear for Christmas

Never before have we shown such a collection of Ladies' Neck Wear for Christmas buying. Everything that is new in Neckwear is here, in Collars, Ties, Scarfs, Bows, Frillings, Rouchings, Jabots, etc., all specially boxed for Xmas gifts.

Good Warm Bedding

If you are interested in Blankets it will be worth your while seeing our values in White and Green Cotton Blankets at \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50 and 1.75 pair. Canadian White Wool Blankets \$3.50, 4.00, 4.50 and 5.00 pair. Scotch Pure Wool White Blankets \$5.50, 6.00, 6.50 7.50 and \$8.00 a pair.

Boxes for Xmas Gifts

For the convenience of customers we have secured very pretty Embossed Paper Boxes in white, pink and sky, printer in gold, "Season's Greetings." These boxes we sell at just what they cost us, in three sizes, 5c, 7c, 10c each.

Christmas Handkerchiefs

Handkerchiefs are one of the big selling attractions of our store at Xmas time, and we now show thousands of Children's, Ladies', Men's and Boys' Handkerchiefs, at every price to sell, from 3c to \$5.00 each.

MAYOR WILLS WILL STAND FOR RE-ELECTION

The Ontario interviewed Mayor Wills this morning as to mayoralty prospects and ventured to ask his willingness if he would be a candidate for reelection. He informed us that he had some time ago contemplated retiring at the end of this term but as there was some important work still incomplete he had felt it to be his duty to stay with his duties for another year, although it means a sacrifice in his business and in his leisure time. He desires in particular to see a permanent pavement for Front street before he leaves the municipal chair, and notwithstanding the present stringency of the money market thinks this may be accomplished another year without serious difficulty.

Mr. E. McCoy is home from Queen's College, Kingston.

- S.S. NO. 7, THURLOW
- Senior IV
 - Ray Loucks
 - Junior IV
 - Harry Walker
 - Fred Carscallen
 - Edward Foots
 - Senior III
 - Helen Carscallen
 - Douglas Loucks
 - Marshall Good
 - John Foots
 - Frank Whitney
 - Junior Third
 - Isabel Brown
 - Annie Elliott
 - Alma Badgley
 - Peroy Badgley
 - Willie O'Brien
 - Class II
 - Richard Kemp
 - Albert O'Brien
 - Earl Latta
 - Class I
 - Adam Morrison
 - Verna Morrison
 - Everett Beer
 - Maud Kemp
 - Frank Elliott
 - E. I. Bishop, Teacher

Friday Bargain Day in Toyland



Shop in the Morning

Big Clearance of Dressed and Undressed Dolls

- \$2.00 buys Dressed Dolls worth up to \$4.00
- \$1.00 buys Dressed Dolls worth up to \$2.50
- \$1.19 buys our beautiful Jointed Doll, reg. \$1.50
- 50c buys Kid Body Jointed Dolls, regular 75c
- 29c buys our Eskimo Doll, Celuloid Face, reg. 35c
- Teddy Beas from 19c to \$2.00
- Child's Teddy Bear and Muff 25c
- Doll's Muff 10c

Gifts Worth While

- Electric Percolators.....\$0.50
- Electric Stove..... 5.00
- Electric Toaster..... 5.00
- Electric Iron..... 4.50
- Cut Glass Berry Bowl..... 2.00
- Cut Glass Sugar and Cream 2.90
- Cut Glass Bon-Bons..... 1.50
- Cut Glass Spoon Trays..... 1.50
- Royal Rochester Mahogany Serving Trays, glass lined, from..... \$4.50 to \$7.50 each
- Royal Rochester Tea Ball, Tea Pots, and Coffee Percolators, from \$2.50 to \$4.50 ea.
- Brass Umbrella Stands, regular \$5.00 for..... \$2.90
- Brass Jardinieres, reg. \$3.50 for..... \$2.50

The China Store is Over-Flowing with good things. Come and see.

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